

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PARKS and REC COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES JUNE 17, 2021

Meeting was held at the Onekama Township Hall @ 8:00am

The conference line was open. Michelle Ervin called in.

The PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE was said.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Ervin, Richard Lapinski, Al Taylor – Twp Trustee, Bob Blackmore – Twp Trustee

ABSENT: Paul Mueller, Mary Reed, Andrea Arthur, Gary Madden, (Note that Leann Burger has resigned and is now a member of the Manistee County ISD Board)

MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2021 MEETING, did not have a Committee Corum, delay approval to the July 15, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Portage Lake Boat Parade to take place on July 4, 2021, see 1, web page for info.

ITEMS TO ADD TO AGENDA: None

VILLAGE UPDATE – No report, Andrea Arthur absent

ONEKAMA SCHOOLS UPDATE – No report, Gary Madden absent

WATERSHED UPDATE - Mary Reed - No report, Mary Reed absent. No meetings planned over the summer months

NORTH POINT PARK UPDATE - Michelle Ervin – Information Sign, 2 dog waste stations have been installed. Plant-a-Sapling was held on Saturday May 22, 2021 with limited participation. Irrigation System repairs complete and is now working. “Birding by Ear” Program was held on Thursday June 10, 2021. Nesting Bird Walks to be held on Thursday June 17, 2021 and Saturday June 26, 2021. The Plans that Didn’t Happen and Ecosystem Evolution Walk to be held on Friday June 18, 2021. Friends of North Point Park BYO Picnic to be held on Tuesday July 6, 2021.

LANGLAND PARK UPDATE – Rich Lapinski/Al Taylor - Parking lot restriping was completed by Brian’s Sealcoating. Restroom door to be repaired/replaced. Swidorski proposal approved by Twp Board to provide gentle slope from south gazebo to beach. Beach north and south boundary signs are being investigated.

GLEN PARK UPDATE – Rich Lapinski - Park north boundary signs are being investigated. Twp Board has decided not to reapply for 2021 grants for the 2020 Universal Access and park improvements project. Committee discussed improving safety of hiking paths within the rustic park. Will develop a scope of work for park maintenance and improvements.

PARKS FIVE YEAR PLAN – Rich Lapinski – Zach Vega of Networks Northwest provided an e-mail update of the progress on the Onekama Twp’s Parks & Rec 5 Year Plan update. Networks Northwest continues to develop the Manistee County-Wide Master Plan with a major milestone for overall plan review in September 2021. They need additional DNR Grant Award information on the Portage Lake DNR Boat Launch Site – Kayak Launch otherwise that have all the required info to date.

KAYAK LAUNCH UPDATE – Al Taylor/Rich Lapinski – EZ Dock on order, dock materials on back-order, delivery will be delayed to August. Site prep work by Spicer and Swidorski will be scheduled once a firm delivery date from EZ Dock is received. Launch construction will require a Covid-19 policy and protocol. Al to work with Spicer on an Explore-The-Shores type Information Board.

MAPS - Michelle Ervin – 3 park maps complete and posted on-line. Michelle will request from Twp Clerk an order for 3 sets of laminated maps of North Point, Glen and Langland Beach Parks.

PLA UPDATE - Al Taylor – All 2021 Scheduled Events will proceed following Covid guidelines. The Fundraiser Murder Mystery Dinner was held at the Portage Point Inn on May 28, 2021 with a very

enjoyable evening by all. Onekama Days planning underway as the Monday Night Concerts in the Village Park.

150th ONEKAMA CELEBRATION – Al Taylor/Michelle Ervin - All events to proceed within Covid guidelines. Schedule for all the 2021 events has been posted on-line and an article in the Manistee News Advocate.

PARKS & REC BUDGET - Rich Lapinski - Rich will request a monthly updated Parks and Rec spending statement from the Twp Treasurer.

FRIENDS of the PARKS & DONATIONS POLICY – Al Taylor/Michelle Ervin - No update.

ROAD ENDS - Rich Lapinski - Rich submitted an updated Twp Public Access/Road Ends Survey to the Township Board for review. Rich identified top 10 priorities for consideration of work activity.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

AJOURN at 9:50AM.

The next Meeting will be July 15, 2021 at 8 a.m.