

## Parks and Rec Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, August 14, 2023

Call to Order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Sutton

Roll Call by Michelle Irwin:

Present: Dickinson, Klaas, Muoio, Sutton, Fulton

Absent: Fisher, McMahon

Quorum Present

Others Present M. Irwin, Lori Fisher (left at 6:25)

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Klaas to approve the agenda as amended, adding Safety Rail at Lake Street Hill under new business item 2.

All Ayes

Motion Carried

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Klaas to approve of the July 10, 2023 as presented.

All Ayes

Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Trustee DeCoster would again like to thank Fisher for donating the grills and the labor for the installation of the grills at Tierney Park. Hopes that the company that was hired is licensed and insured properly so the village won't be liable. It was nice to save the parks and rec some money.

### AGENDA:

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Spark Grant for Lester Street Update-** Klaas stated that he is still waiting to hear back. Last time it was two months.
- 2. Harbor Redevelopment-** Klaas stated he attended several meetings. There is no plan that is written in stone what is going to happen in the future. There was discussion on the harbor slips and parking. Discussion followed. Edgewater was looking on feedback on plans for certain features. Asked public to use sticky notes on features that they were in favor of. More discussion about features presented.
- 3. Pickleball Courts Update-** Tabled due to McMahon not in attendance.
- 4. Parks and Rec Bylaws-** Fulton handed out an example of another community's bylaws. He stated that not many communities have bylaws for their parks and rec committees. The example provided Discussion followed on attendance and other things the board would like to implement. The code of ordinances must be used in future

discussion. Fulton will call on McMahon for help due to his prior experiences and report back next meeting with a rough copy.

Discussion followed in regard to maintenance of parks if grants are received. There was discussion on extra help or a schedule for the DPW to help facilitate the week-to-week things that may need to be done. Do more walk throughs to be an extra set of eyes on needs. Discussion about sidewalks not being wide enough for walking and that markers would be nice to have around town.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Additional Grant Opportunities-** Klaas brought in a hand out on available grants through Community Champions Playground grants. It is a 100% matching funds for certain projects. He will gather more information to see how it might fit for Lester Park should Spark Grant not be awarded. Sutton handed out information in regard to Sanilac County Community Foundation Grants. Discussion followed. Question arose as to whether Fisher will be available to help with grants, Sutton to follow up with that. Klaas and Dickinson will look into these grants further and report back at next meeting. Sutton to talk to the SCCF grant manager. Discussion about committee looking into more options for grants, and looking into help from a resource like Kim Harmer.
- 2. Lake Street Hill Handrail-** Muoio requested permission from the board to talk to the Village manager in regard to placing a handrail to assist people going up and down the hill to beach. Discussion followed. Board is in favor of the request but does not think it should come out of the parks fund due to it not being designated a park. Requests from board of a design and general cost of project. Muoio will provide at next meeting. More discussion at next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE-** Mckenna invoice was brought to committees' attention. Irwin stated it was an FYI the project came in under the not to exceed amount and that it has been paid.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-**Trustee Decoster likes the idea of the safety bar at Lake Street hill. That beach is part of village property, but doesn't think that it is part of Tierney Park because Tierney Park is part of the DDA. The DDA boundary does not go that far over. It is Village Property. Stated that the budget is confusing between the DPW and Maintenance line, doesn't know what the difference is. Concerned that parks did not budget anything for over time and there is already over time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Fulton, seconded by Klaas to adjourn at 7:15pm.

All Ayes

Next Meeting- September 11, 2023 @ 6pm in the Village Hall.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Irwin  
August 14, 2023