

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Carrie Hebden, Paul Trumble, Dean Crandall, Sheryl Guy and Stephanie Reid.
Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 P.M.

Public Comment: There was none.
Correspondence: There was none.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Trumble, seconded by Crandall that the minutes of meeting dated March 15, 2017 be approved as written. Motion carried all present voting yes.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Trumble, seconded by Guy that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

FHT Loon Nursery – Hebden reported that Darrell Lawson, representative for Birding Trail has requested that pictures be provided to post on their Birding Trail website. She will also provide them with the FHT logo and that one (1) 9 x 12 walking path sign at the cost of \$45.00 be ordered for park. All agreed.

Trumble will talk to Corey Arsnøe to seek his opinion about placement of sign for walking path and that with the main sign being a little crowded Birding Trail sign be placed near entrance of path to look out platform.

Trumble reported that the main sign is pretty crowded and the walking path sign be placed near the loop path.

FHT Cottage Family Park/Miley – Crandall reported that the addendum of the lease has been signed by FHT Supervisor and returned to DNR for signature. Once complete the DNR will return copy to the Township and Dean will then complete application for service for Great Lakes for the electricity and at that time Great Lakes will obtain the easements necessary to provide service.

Dewey Landing – Trumble
Trumble has ordered the Picnic table.
Corey Arsnøe has cleaned up all road ends.

Gorham Beach – Trumble
Improvements needed at the west side of the park with fencing and that designated parking area be marked.

Steiner Road – Trumble
Spilt rail fence needs repairs.

Lessard Lane – Trumble
Split rail fence removed and will need replacing.

Glacial Hill Walking Trails – Crandall

Vandermark Road – The loggers left a big mess to clean up and Dean used his excavator to remove trees taking an estimated 23 hours with volunteers working on the remaining cleanup. Jim Fisher created the application for cell phones that tracks your location while in trail system. The application also notifies the volunteers on the completed and remaining clean up needed. Volunteers report hours worked through system as (in-kind) hours which will assist when applying for grants. Spring cleanup is scheduled for Earth Day April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The Grand Traverse Conservancy is being very helpful with Ameri Corp kids coming back this summer to work Monday thru Thursday putting in ten (10) hour days. Dean will be addressing the Board of Commissioners providing the Annual Report and David Foote will be providing an Economic Impact report to the board as well.

PARK AND ROAD ENDING TOUR: Members and public invited.

To address the condition of each site on May 1st at 2:00 p.m. (Monday).

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carrie Hebden, Chairman

Sheryl Guy, Secretary