

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

Members present: Carrie Hebden, Paul Trumble, Sheryl Guy, Dean Crandall, Stephanie Reid.

Absent: None.

Also present: Terry Smith, FHT Supervisor

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Correspondence:

Terry Smith, FHT Supervisor spoke to commission regarding a request he presented to the Antrim County Buildings, Lands and Infrastructure Committee to obtain an ingress-egress easement across County property for the purpose of accessing acreage recently purchased by the Township. After discussion, it was determined that before a decision on the request could be made a determination be first made regarding the ability to add an easement to property purchased through a trust fund grant. Haley Breniser, Grass River Natural Area Executive Director expressed concerns of an easement such as the usage, ownership and maintenance. He asked the commission to consider future uses that would best serve the public now and in the future.

The members agreed to add to the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda for future consideration and discussion.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Trumble, seconded by Reid that the minutes of the meeting dated September 13, 2017 be approved with correction. Motion carried – Unanimous.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Guy, seconded by Crandall that the agenda be approved as written. Motion carried – Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Arrowhead Park - Guy

Reported in good shape, dock removed.

Gorham Beach – Reid

Reported in good shape and continues to be used.

FHT Cottage Drive Family Park- Trumble& Hebden

Reported in good shape, continue to pursue buoys.

Hebden reported Mr. Udell had addressed concerns over his business having service of the irrigation system and would draft a maintenance plan for consideration.

Loon Nursery – Hebden

Reported in good shape and being used.

Glacial Hills Trails – Crandall

The trails are in great shape and the manager and volunteers are doing a great job. The Conservancy having two (2) vault toilet buildings from the boy's camp property in Kalkaska upon approval may be able to install for use in the spring of 2018. If project goes as planned the recommendation would be to place one (1) vault at the Eckhardt trail entrance and one (1) at the Vandermark entrance.

Torch Lake Family Park – Trumble

In good shape considering all the rain and the bank terracing is holding up very well but it appears that the public is using area for steps.

Paddle Antrim – Hebden

No new information and will continue placing issue on the agenda.

OTHER:

Next scheduled meeting - November 15, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Chairman, Carrie Hebden

Secretary, Sheryl Guy