

**FOREST HOME TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 3, 2019 5:15 PM
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

Absent: None.

Also, present Corey Arsnoe.

The Chairperson Carrie Hebden called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Corey Arsnoe: Spoke to the Commission on the proposed Paddle Antrim signs and kiosks. Reporting that installation of signs and kiosks will increase the maintenance and mowing time he spending at FHT sites and will cause an increase in the next contract proposal he submits for services. Public comment closed.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was none.

The Chair Carrie Hebden explained the purpose of the Special Meeting:

**Paddle Antrim
Chain of Lakes Water Trail
Signage and Agreement (New)**

Considerations: To allocate funds to show support of the system for each site in FHT that contains signage, sponsorships and future maintenance as identified in agreement. The size of signs and kiosk is concerning as proposed, very large, very bright and will take away from the natural beauty of our parks and road endings.

The Chair reported that she attempted to contract: Deana Jerdee, Executive Director but was unable to make contact. Continue to try to make contact to discuss concerns at the July 17, 2019 meeting. Request for consideration of new agreement addresses signage for the water trail.

- Proposal seeking township approval and by approving shows support by allocating funds toward project. Asking for a financial contribution from each access site owner to show commitment to the project.
- The new agreement seeking contributions and/or sponsorship of signage was not mentioned as a future phase during original presentation.

Discussion followed – All members:

- Size of signage proposed takes away from natural beauty of sites
- Additional maintenance needs of all site locations in which signage is installed

- Single sponsors or multi sponsors of signage (picking and choosing which vendors or individuals get which site) – not discussed
- Funds – financial contributions – not discussed
- Sponsorships – not discussed

At the July 17, 2019 also have Corey Arsnoe attend to his concerns for maintenance issues created by the new agreement as proposed.

OTHER MATTERS:

Glacial Hills – Crandall:

Rustic Camping Site:

- Requested that the commission not pursue rustic camping on township portion of Glacial Hills.
- Friends of Glacial address future camping at their meetings, discussions are for long term planning and funding sources.
- Considering application for Trust Fund grant monies for purchase of additional properties to connect Bellaire High School and Village of Bellaire.
- Future property interest: Murray property containing 80 acres.

Pinnel Road – Corey Arsnoe:

Reported that property to the north was logged, cleaned up and really looks good.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Chair, Carrie Hebden

Secretary, Sheryl Guy