

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 19, 2023
5:15 PM**

Members present: Paul Trumble, Sheryl Guy, George Schneller, Dean Crandall and Christina Kretschmer.

Absent none.

The Chair Guy called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE:

Trumble provided a verbal report for Corey Arsnoe on the maintenance status of the township parks and road endings. (Add 10 Ton of rock to the Dewey Landing and no parking sign removed). Crandall did share copies of several emails from the neighbors near Gorham Beach from neighbors: Brian & Janet Day, Gregory & Christina Bellopatrick and Kathy Miller. Crandall spoke to these property owners and many others neighbors on the proposed phase and plans for improvements slated for Gorham Beach. Tom Copenhagen from the DNR suggested that he speak with them and gather input. Crandall suggested that property owners attend this meeting to let the commission hear their thoughts and opinions on the proposed phase #1 improvement plan. There was no public attending this meeting. Closed at 5:29 p.m.

AGENDA:

Moved by Trumble and seconded by Crandall that the commission approve the July 19, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

MINUTES:

Moved by Trumble, and seconded by Kretschmer, that the commission approve the meeting minutes of June 21, 2023 as presented. Motion carried – all present voting yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023-2027 FHT Parks & Recreation Plan: Survey Update: George Schneller

The survey opened July 17 and will remain open for several more weeks. Guy reported that she went to site to complete the survey and was number 99.

Gorham Beach Project – Crandall

Crandall report earlier during public comment and correspondence that he had met with neighbors and thought that at least a couple would attend tonight meeting but with no one, attending may be a good sign. The emails received from public were copied for members.

Discussion followed.

Crandall will hand deliver application to Mr. Copenhagen and report that the only public input was in the form of an email and no public attended this meeting. Once Mr. Copenhagen reviews and approves application to form will forward to EGLE and he will pay fee if required. Commission is anxious to get the project rolling.

Arrowhead Park – Guy

Reported park is being used and in good shape.

FHT Cottage Drive Pak – Trumble & Crandall

The park is very busy and no problems reported, although it would be great to contact the Antrim County Road Commission to request that they grade the entrance and add afton stone to even out the ruts in driveway.

FHT-Torch Lake Family Park/Carry-In Boat Launch – All

Guy reported that the park is busy and no problems reported.

Pinnel Road Ending- All

Very busy site and no problems reported, although it would be great to contact the Antrim County Road Commission to request that they grade the entrance and driveway. That afton stone be added to driveway to even out the ruts in driveway.

Loon Preserve – All

Very busy site and no problems reported.

The Meadows – All

Discussion followed.

- Members continue to consider commission’s first steps for the Meadows.

NEW BUSINESS:

Guy asked the members if they had seen the public notice in the Antrim Review to invite the public to enjoy our sites and she shared a copy she had cut from paper. The notice was in the July 13th addition of the paper.

Discussion followed.

OTHER:

Next regular meeting date August 16, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

No various matters.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Guy
Chairperson