

Minutes
Ross Township Parks Committee Meeting
March 2, 2017 at Ross Township Hall

Jon Scott, Committee Chairperson
Rusty Fry, Vice Chairperson
Melissa McKay, Treasurer
Jay Garside, Recreation Director
Lynne Chipman, Secretary

Committee Members:
Otie Ingraham
Alan Poling

- I. **Call to Order - Introductions**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:06
 - b. Pledged Allegiance
 - c. Roll call: present: Jon Scott, Melissa McKay, Jay Garside, Lynne Chipman, Otie Ingraham, Paul Dykstra, Twp Supervisor. Guests: Lee Adams from Southcentral Michigan Planning Council and Alex Harris, Park Manager for Ross Township. Absent: Al Poling and Rusty Fry.
- II. **Approve Agenda** Otie made a motion to approve agenda, Melissa 2nd, unanimously approved.
- III. **Approve Minutes** Otie made the correction that it was the Rotary Club that worked with SLYMCA on the concert series. Otie made a motion to approve as corrected, Melissa 2nd, unanimously approved.
- IV. **Reports**
 - a. **GLAT** Jon reported that the original a generous donor donated \$4-5 million to DNR, part of which might be used to extend the KRVT from Galesburg to Augusta (to Galesburg High School) if it can be done by 2018. Engineering on that should be wrapped up in a week or so. Fundraising to get KRVT to Augusta (the Bay) includes a golf tournament/ auction at Stoatin Brae featuring Detroit Red Wings alumni on August 22, 2017. **Additionally, there will be a meeting of the KRVT team at the Dig-In Cafe in Augusta on Wed, 3/15 at 8 am, breakfast included. RSVP to Mel if you're going to attend.**
 - b. **Kalamazoo Parks Department** nothing at this time
 - c. **Kalamazoo Parks Foundation** nothing at this time
- V. **Public Comments - Non Agenda Items (limit 2 minutes per topic)** none
- VI. **Old Business**
 - a. **Score and decide on Master Plan Project:** After talking points of the four applicants proposals, there was a consensus for OCBA. Jay made a motion have Jon recommend the Township Board to select OCBA's proposal for Ross Twp. Park development. Otie 2nd, unanimous agreement.

- b. **Food Trucks:** Jon reported that we received permission to have up to 6 events at the park this summer, and also to do so without charging entrance fees. Paul will put an agreement together for food trucks that covers liability, rates, license, insurance, etc. Jay will look into scheduling food trucks and entertainment. Lynne will ask Jill Adamski (previously with Rotary) for her contact at Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra. There was a suggestion for a banner for the fence for advertising, and also a need to figure out a weather contingency.
 - c. **Park at 38th & M-89** All the relevant parties seem to be on board with this. MDOT still working on it.
 - d. **April Meeting Date** has been rescheduled to the Thursday the 13th.
- VII. **New Business**
- a. **Spring clean up at Ross Twp Park** planned to happen late April.
 - b. **Spring Project List** Rake leaves, remove pile of railroad ties, painting, attendant booth, beachfront sand, general spiffy up. Also on the list; gate, signage, pump, picnic tables. Start thinking about possible volunteers to help, such as cub scouts or boy scouts. That could possibly determine our schedule as well depending on availability.
 - c. **Events at the park:** We proposed Monday dates of, July 10, 31, and August 14. Time to be from 5pm to dusk.
- VIII. **Member's Time**
- IX. **Adjournment** Otie made a motion to adjourn at 7:35, Melissa 2nd, agreed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted By Lynne Chipman, March 4, 2017
Ammended minutes submitted April 14, 2017