

Ross Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2016

(Draft)

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Jon Scott at Ross Township Park

Members present:

Jon Scott
Rusty Fry
Melissa McKay
Otie Ingraham
Jay Garside

Members not present:

Al Poling (pre-arranged)

Reading of Agenda

- Jon Scott, Motion to Approve R. Fry, support M. McKay, approved

Approval of Minutes

- R. Fry distributed meeting Minutes from September 1, 2016. R. Fry motion to approve, O. Ingraham support, approved.

Reports

- KRVT – Activities, coordination and fundraising for the completion Galesburg to Augusta and extension to Gull Lake area trails continues. Major grants awarded by Enbridge and the Battle Creek Community Foundation in recent weeks.
 - Focus on trail from Galesburg to Galesburg / Augusta High School
- Phase I
 - Galesburg / Augusta HS to Augusta / Gull Lake Phase II
 - KRVT Engineering selection process underway for Phase I and II, D. Rachowicz lead (Kalamazoo County Parks Director), Toni Thompson (Parks Foundation) and R. Fry (Ross Township Parks and Recreation) committee. Estimate range \$26-\$55k for Master Planning and Preliminary Engineering (below budget expectations). Selection and Recommendation expected early October. Completion Engineering Phase I, Q2 2017, Phase II Q3, 2017. Stake holder meetings to be scheduled November thru January. R. Fry to submit recommendation for stakeholders representing Augusta / Gull Lake area to Ross Township Recreation members for review. KRVT Engineering Phase over next 9-12 months will be very active. Goal is to submit April 2017 Grants for Phase I
 - KRVT – Activities, coordination

Ross Township Park

- Team reviewed park facilities and identified several areas need upgrades. Landscaping, tree trunk removal, entrance improvements, playground areas, canoe /kyak access to lake improvements, automated access gate along with infrastructure

issues like well, pumps for water. Some of these items are on DNR approved Ross Township Recreation Plan

- J. Scott will contact P. Dykstra for discussion on developing Park Master and Action plan utilizing new Consultant - South Central Planning. Suggest meeting on park site with individual once approved. Once Master plan is completed, grants to be submitted which consultant has experience with. Township Board has approved \$10k for this work.
- Review with Township Board proposed Scope, Schedule outline and Cost associated with Park Strategy. Timing Q1, 2017 approval, Q2 2017 to begin work.

Old Business

- J. Scott – Filling of vacant position on Parks and Recreation Board – J. Scott has recommended Lynne Chipman as new member for the Park and Recreation Committee to replace Suzanne Sippel, current term expires December 2018.
- M. McKay to invite Richland Parks and Recreation Director to our next meeting in November to begin coordination with Richland Township.

Next meeting will be November 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Ross Township Offices

**Meeting adjourned 7:21 pm. R. Fry motion, O. Ingraham second
Minutes prepared by Rusty Fry October 11, 2016**