

**Ross Township Parks Committee
Final Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2016**

**Jon Scott, Committee Chairperson
Melissa McKay, Treasurer
Otie Ingrahm, Committee Member
Alan Poling, Committee Member**

**Rusty Fry, Vice Chairperson
Jay Garside, Recreation Director
Lynne Chipman, Secretary**

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm. Recited Pledge of Allegiance. All members present except Alan Poling. Guest, Lee Adams of Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMCPC), and Paul Dykstra, Ross Township Supervisor.**
- II. November minutes were approved unanimously. Jon added Budget to the agenda under new business and then the agenda was approved as edited.**
- III. Reports**

A. Kalamazoo Parks Department -Current schedule for KRVT extension is:

2017 - 35th street in Galesburg to Galesburg HS

2018 - Galesburg HS to Augusta

2019 - Augusta to the bay at Gull Lake

B. Kalamazoo Parks Foundation- We discussed the need outreach to the community residents and companies to raise funds for next phases of KRVT.

There was a suggestion by Jon to have the trailhead at the Gull Lake View Golf Club. This would increase visibility for the trail and potentially increase fundraising for the project. Rusty to talk to engineers about this. Jon to run this idea up the family flagpole. Fundraising to get the trail from its current point in Galesburg, to Gull Lake may be challenging. There was also a suggestion of building the trailhead at GLVCC first and then working BACK to Galesburg.

IV. No public comments

V. Old Business

- A. Lee Adams described more about what SMCPC has to offer in terms of finding a Master Planner for us. We reviewed the Request for Proposal document he submitted that will go out to potential master planners. The committee agreed that having SMCPC perform the search is the most logical option since Lee and his staff have the expertise. The decision was also made that the primary web site to fill this position will be on SMCPC's web site and we can link to it. We also filled the following date in, on the proposal:**

- **January 26, 2017 date for proposals by Master Planners to be submitted to SMCP**

Additionally:

- **February 2, 2017 proposals will be discussed at this committee's monthly meeting.**
- **February 14, 2014 Jon will take findings to the Ross Township Board Meeting.**

- B. Members to prioritize the elements of the Ross Township Park plan that are outlined in the November meeting minutes and turn it in to Jon within the next two days.**

VI. New Business

- A. Melissa McKay and Otie Ingrahm were reappointed to their offices unanimously. Terms will end in 2020.**
- B. Election of officers for 2017: Rusty Fry was elected to Vice Chairperson, Jay Garside to Recreation Director, Melissa McKay to Treasurer and Lynne Chipman to Secretary. (Jay made motion to approve, Melissa seconded, and the committee approved unanimously.)**
- C. Committee approved 2017 Meeting dates as, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7. (Rusty motioned to approve, Otie second, approved unanimously.)**
- D. Budget - conversation about budget increase, and also ways to increase revenue such as installing an automatic gate, increasing season pass prices, and setting a higher price for non-resident season passes.**
- E. We discussed the need to rally some volunteers to clean up the pavilion at Ross Township park sometime in March.**

VII. Member's time: nothing at this time

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:31

**respectfully submitted by Lynne Chipman December 4, 2016
edited and finalized January 7, 2017**