

Minutes
Ross Township Parks Committee Meeting
May 4th, 6:00 p.m.
Meeting held at Ross Township Hall

- I. Call to Order - Introductions
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm
 - b. Pledged Allegiance
 - c. Roll call Jon, Rusty, Otie, Melissa and Lynne. Jay arrived shortly after meeting started.
- II. Approve Agenda Ammended the agenda to add Survey discussion to New Business. Rusty made a motion to approve as ammended, Mel seconded it. Passed unanimously.
- III. Approve Minutes Otie made a motion to approve minutes as is, Rusty seconded, unanimously passed.
- IV. Reports
 - a. GLAT: Rusty attended Galesburg town hall meeting with updates on the trail route and fundraising. A \$400,000 grant is likely to come through. Rusty reported that the Richland Twp. made a \$500 donation and Paul is planning to have donation discussion on the May agenda for Ross Twp. The Village of Augusta is going to get the topic of a donation on their agenda as well. Battle Creek Mayor, Dave Walters is planning to talk to the Firekeepers Tribal Council in May to discuss possible aide in funding the connection from BC to Kzoo. May 17 is Cooper Twp trail meeting. Work on the trail continues in downtown Kalamazoo, with some difficulty. Rusty indicated per Dave Rachowicz, work from 35th street to Galesburg HS will begin in 2018.
 - b. Kalamazoo Parks Department is currently looking for (hiring) help in maintaining and cleaning up the KRVT.
 - c. Kalamazoo Parks Foundation: Jon reported that planning continues for the fundraiser at Stoatin Brae, which is planned for September.
- V. Public Comments - Non Agenda Items (limit 2 minutes per topic) none
- VI. Old Business
 - a. OCBA Status Jon reported per his discussion with Sandy, OCBA has done an initial survey of the park and they plan to have materials ready for our first (Trucks and Tunes) event, July 10th. We discussed what we would like to see. A presentation board with master plan, showing activities that could be incorporated. We discussed the need for something graphic and visual. Maybe also include a drawing for the Trail Head. Sandy provided a survey to Jon and that brought up the conversation of having a tablet at the event to be able to continue taking surveys there. **Jon will ask Sandy for a preview of**

materials before the event, possibly at June or July meeting. We also discussed cleaning out the tree line between the park and Manor House, and thought we should bring that up to OCBA, as a means to increase useable space. **Melissa is going to talk to Gene about setting up survey monkey.**

- b. Food Trucks: Jay reported that he has trucks and tunes lined up for each of the dates we've selected. (See below) **Paul is still working on the agreement, and hopeful that will be worked up by next week.** There was discussion as to whether or not we should charge the food trucks a fee to be there. At this time we decided a deposit would be a better way to go until we build up some confidence in turnout. Jay made a motion to ask for \$100 deposit, to be refunded the night of the event, just to guarantee commitment, AND that the hours of operation will be from 6-9pm. Lynne seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. We also discussed that we should probably invite the Sherrif and ambulance. Jay brought up advertising and there were suggestions of an ad in the Communicator (**Jon to make that happen**), an article or ad in the Gull Lake Living Magazine, and a Facebook Event (Melissa). **There is a need to create a "brand" for the event for advertising, so be thinking about that. Jon will have branding on the agenda for the next meeting.**

July 10

6:00-9:00PM

Code Music School (Violin Ensemble)

Singh Cruisin Cuisine

Lazy Man BBQ

July 31

6:00-9:00PM

Robbie/Shalegh Koets (Country)

The Organic Gypsy

Ol Moose BBQ

August 14

6:00-9:00PM

Crescendo Fiddle Ensemble

Camzies Pizza

Boogie BBQ

- c. Park at corner of 38th and M-89: entrance still in limbo
- d. Discuss spring clean up, follow up from discussion with Paul Dykestra tabled till next meeting.

- e. Discuss spring project list, follow up discussion with Paul Dykestra: discussed the possibility of getting donation of flowers or shrubs from Gull Lake Landscape or Gull Meadow Farms. **Jon to check with Sandy at OCBA for an idea of what/where we could put in for early impact.**
 - f. Event Scheduling, Calendar Preparation: no clean up or project scheduled at this time. **Committee members to be prepared to schedule at June meeting.**
- VII. New Business
- a. Survey: We proofed the survey that Sandy at OCBA had created for us and made additions and deletions. **Jon is going to have updated surveys available at the ROADS Ross Township - Town Hall Meetings May 17th and June 8th.**
- II. Member's Time none
- III. Adjournment at 7:44pm Rusty made a motion to adjourn, Otie seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Lynne Chipman 5.7.17