

**MINUTES**  
**Ross Township Parks Committee Meeting**  
**June 1st, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting held at Ross Township Park**

- I. **Call to Order - Introductions**
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:04
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance (we were in the park so omitted this)
  - c. Roll call: Jon, Rusty, Melissa, Lynne and Otie present. Guest: Sandy from OCBA
- II. **Approve Agenda** Lynne made a motion to approve the agenda, Rusty 2nd, all approved.
- III. **Approve Minutes** After 1 correction, Otie motioned to approve minutes, Melissa 2nd, all approved.
- IV. **Reports**
  - a. **GLAT** Ross Twp approved \$500 for the trail and will pay this in June, Richland Village could not make a donation, Village of Augusta is to vote on a donation in June. The Firekeepers meeting went well. No commitment yet, but there is excitement. Mel Daacon will keep working on this. (The following, I have pasted FYI from the KRVT email I just received, and you may have too.) There is a KRVT golf outing fundraiser being hosted at Stoatin Brae on Friday, Sept 22. Andy Widner is the point person and we need your help. Do you represent a business / organization who would be interested in being a sponsor? Want to be there on day-of as a volunteer? We also need several folks to help with planning event too. Please contact Andy Widner at [awidner@msu.edu](mailto:awidner@msu.edu) and let him know you're in!!
  - b. **Kalamazoo Parks Department**
  - c. **Kalamazoo Parks Foundation**
- V. **Public Comments - Non Agenda Items (limit 2 minutes per topic)**
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. **Updates on Park Plan Concepts** We reviewed, with Sandy, the plans she provided to generate ideas. She said an important consideration to getting a grant is barrier free access. So having that in parking, launch for canoe, kayak, SUP would be helpful. After discussion and a walk through of the park we concluded sectioning off the park into different types of activities would be pertinent. Tree removal between the park and KBS would add a lot of useable space.
  - b. **Food Trucks** Rusty is going to contact Jay and ask for pictures of musicians for advertising (might want get their permission especially from parents of any minors) Maybe the music schools have stock photos. Also ask how long they intend to play so if we need more music to fill

the time, we could ask Robbie/Shalegh Koets if they would consider more dates (or all). Lynne will contact Nichole at GL Communicator to have our dates on the events calender for the summer. Melissa is contacting Gull Lake Living Magazine.

- c. **Park at corner of 38<sup>th</sup> and M-89 - No Update**
- d. **Landscaping Concepts** Discussed some additions of plantings around the park for immediate impact.
- e. **Discuss spring project list** stump removal, clean & paint overhang, purchase and install new light fixtures,
- f. **Event Scheduling, Calendar Preparation** Jon, Melissa and Lynne to meet at GLV June 14 at noon to update on sponsorship and plan next steps.

VII. **New Business**

VIII. **Member's Time**

IX. **Adjournment** 7:50