

Minutes
Ross Township Parks Committee Meeting
August 3rd, 6:00 p.m.
Ross Township Hall

- I. **Call to Order - Introductions**
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6:02
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Roll call, all present except Al Poling
- II. **Approve Agenda**, agenda ammended to add New Committee Member discussion under new business. Rusty made a motion to approve, Otie second, all agreed.
- III. **Approve Minutes** Otie made a motion to approve minutes as is, Jay second, all agreed.
- IV. **Reports**
 - a. **GLAT** planning still under way for Stoatin Brae golf outing September 22nd. Registratation hoped to go online next week. Rusty brought up ideas about how to set registration up to allow allocation for charitable contributions.
 - 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**
 - i. **Public Input** Rusty documented comments received on the park, grouped by each of the 3 concepts. Rusty distributed the document.
 - ii. **Discussion** Jon will go to the Twp. board meeting this coming Tuesday to relay the success of Trucks & Tunes turnout, and our plan to present our thoughts about park layout at the September board meeting. (All welcome to attend. 7 pm.) We also discussed moving the display board between the food trucks for higher visability and potential input. Need to make sure all of the reasons for our last denial of grant have been addressed appropriately. Need to have another meeting between last T&T and our September meeting.
Decision making schedule Potential timeline discussed, September present to the board: Phases, scope, schedule, cost & engineering for park. October board reaches a decision. February township board presents to the public, March apply for grant.
 - b. **Schedule for further meetings and timeline for Park Plan Concepts**
 - i. **i.e. When do we need to have this done** April 1 is deadline for DNR trustfund grant application, for 2019 construction.
 - c. **Food Trucks/Food truck event**

- i. **Debriefing** The last event attendance was up to approximately 300 people.
- ii. **More trucks** Jay and Lynne to add 2 trucks to the 1 truck currently committed. (Jay got a commitment from Singh.) Gorilla has a conflict. Jay sending out mass email again to his list of trucks, and left a message for La Guatemalteca Tacos.
- iii. **Pop and Ice Cream** Jon will get water/soda to sell at the next event. Waiting to hear from Paul if the Red Tricycle Ice Cream Company sent in paperwork.
- iv. **Next Year** We discussed whether to continue this next year. The thought was to have 2 or 3. Need to think about having the township designate someone to organize the event if it is to continue long term. If so, we will also need to work on the electrical situation next year.
- v. **Sponsors** Jon suggested an idea where in the future we might ask if bands would consider being sponsors by donating their time to play. Melissa (Treasurer) asked if we had spent all the money raised this year. We decided to add Treasurer Report to the agenda in the future. Lynne asked if the Township could report monthly to our Treasurer the funds raised by park entrance fees. (Side note: We had sponsorship of \$1,550. \$523 was spent on 3 Banners, 10 posters and 100 flyers. Lynne show we have a balance of \$1,027 in sponsor funds.)
- d. **Park at corner of 38th and M-89 - No Update**
- e. **Follow up on landscaping** John reported that landscaping done for this year but that it is a good way to show ongoing improvements,
- f. **Follow up on projects**
 - i. **Roof still out there, needs attention**

VII. **New Business**

- a. **New Committee Member** Bring ideas for community oriented township citizen as a possible new committee member.

VIII. **Member's Time**

- IX. **Adjournment** Otie motioned to adjourn at 7:48, Rusty second, all in agreement.