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Ross Township Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

**Minutes**  
**June 2, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Donna Tellam, Committee Chair, called the regular meeting of the Ross Township Parks and Recreation Committee to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Ross Township Park. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Donna Tellam  
Peggy Sattler  
Robert Baker, Ross Township Supervisor  
Dave Senkewitz - Ross Township Trustee (Committee Advisor)  
Diana Langshaw - Ross Township Trustee (Committee Advisor)  
Nick Margol, Ross Township Park Supervisor

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Diana moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and **passed**.

**MINUTES FROM March 5, 2020**

Peggy moved that the minutes of March 5, 2020 meeting be approved. Seconded and **passed**.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

March financial report submitted and accepted, moved by Peggy and **passed**.

**Review of income**

- a. Carryover surplus from 2019 is \$ 27,329.96.
- b. March, April 2020

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None presented

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Budget Updates on the Playground Project
  - A larger playground area was proposed, which would require more timber mulch
  - Ten bags of Quickcrete at about \$5 each. The Boy Scouts will anchor equipment in cement.

- We have three benches with memorial plaques sold at this time. It was proposed that we have a couple by the playground and another on in the woods overlooking the lake.
- Don Diebler, from the Gull Lake Rotary Club, would like to meet at the Park at a future date TBA.

b. Gilmore Foundation Grant

-- The Ross Township Park grant was the subject of a feature article in the Gilmore Foundation's Annual Report and Newsletter.

-- Expenditures for traffic stops, landscape timbers, and other improvements were reviewed.

-- Priorities for a wishlist for any remaining funds were reviewed. These could include Adirondack chairs or double swing; new park grills; ADA picnic table; and adult exercise structures.

-- The banner on the fence at the park announces: "Coming: Summer 2020, New Playground Area, brought to you by IS Gilmore Foundation, GLARC, Eagle Scouts (Nolan Ryan).

-- Benches and ADA Table: the auction sale of 'bent and dent' furniture from Rob Poth & Son, Landscape Forms is coming up soon. Nolan Ryan and his dad are investigating.

-- July 1<sup>st</sup> is the trigger date for ordering all fixtures and materials for the playground project. Will coordinate with Nolan and the Township Hall for ordering and getting the checks ready.

## NEW BUSINESS

a. Park Revenue Update

-- As of 5/27/20, Park revenue included:

- Paid Season passes: (9)     \$ 245.00
- Gate Admissions:             \$ 2,390.00     (5/22 thru 5/26)
- Total:                             \$ 2,635.00

b. Luke Larson's Eagle Scout Project (Troop #239)

-- Trails and plantings have made the Park very attractive. Rob has moved sand where children can play on the beach. A second load of 10 yards of sand was delivered Monday.

-- Luke led clean-up workdays at the Park in May. The 16 volunteers included individuals from his troop and the neighborhood, giving a total of 137.25 hours of service. They

have cleared and mulched pathways in the woods, pulled up invasive plants, cleared and raked the lawn, planted flowers, etc.

-- The Little Library will cost \$300.

--The Committee thanks Diana for contributing sedum plants.

c. Automatic Gate Study

-- Diana will continue to study other area park gates. The Committee discussed non-swing gates, and an option for a sliding fence. The gate will need to cover both entrance and exit lanes.

d. Summer 2020 Park Job Positions

--Nick Margol was welcomed as the new Park Manager. He has trained this year's 13 Park Attendants, and is covering issues such as opening and closing protocols.

-- Forms and information sheets are more organized in a file box in the attendant office, making procedures run smoother.

-- The Park needs a new hose to better clean out garbage cans and other uses.

-- There was a complaint that the lawn service provider is skipping weed-wacking in some areas.

-- Thanks to Bill Tellam for spraying the Park for weeds and poison ivy. Also, to John Chrisman for dusting for ants throughout the park. Additional help was provided by the Guardards and Larry Greer.

-- COVID-19 rules for numbers of people in the Park were discussed. A limit of thirty cars would capture about the correct number of people (100). Attendants are suggesting that those waiting cycle around and return, which is working well so far.

e. Update on Landscape Forms tables and benches

-- The Committee looked at pictures of ADA picnic tables. The "Gretchen" from Landscape Forms appears to be a very good option.

-- Rob Baker is touring LSF for items that have slight imperfections that could be obtained at a very low cost.

--Nolan Greenwood is waiting to hear on the Scarborough Benches.

-- Dave moved to go up to \$500 in bidding at the LSF auction. Seconded and passed.

f. Kristy Prahin is the Sheriff's deputy assigned to the Park this summer. She has 20 years of experience.

g. Member removal of Alex Harris was brought up for discussion. A motion was made and passed to send on to the Township Board.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Next meeting will be August 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted: Peggy Sattler