

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

January 20, 2021
Regular meeting
6:00 p.m. through Zoom

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Shuff called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker, Karen Simmons, Tom Shuff
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathleen Dearborn
STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Jim Hayden – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Simmons seconded by Decker to approve October 21, 2020, minutes. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Becker seconded by Simmons to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS – NONE

ARTICLE V. STAFF REPORTS -- NONE

ARTICLE VI. HUYSER CARETAKER REPORT -- NONE

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. PARKS SIGNS: WELCOMING, DOGS AND OTHER. -- NONE
- B. PARKS MILLAGE DISCUSSION.

Meshkin met with Tom Page regarding promotion of a possible millage. He will meet with him again and schedule Page to be at the February meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY 2021-22 BUDGET.

Meshkin discussed the proposed budget, noting it is an increase over the 2020-2021, from \$132,300 to \$429,300. Large increases in bike path maintenance to repair drainage that is damaging the path. **Motion by Simmons seconded by Becker to recommend the township board approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL**

- B. MEMORIAL.

Shuff discussed options to remember Parks Commissioner Ellen Fitch who passed away recently. Options include naming the new milkweed garden at Huyser Farm after her or memorializing a bench near the new pickleball courts. Meshkin said some donations have come to the township in Fitch's name. Meshkin noted the township board is also looking at a way to memorialize and recognize those who have served the township. Meshkin will look at the idea of a bench and report back to the commission in February.

ARTICLE IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jeremy Van Hoven, no address given: Asked when cameras will be installed at township beach park. Meshkin has no time estimate, though internet and electricity are already at the site.

ARTICLE X. ADJOURNMENT

Shuff adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.