

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

March 16, 2022  
Regular meeting  
6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Shuff called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker, Anne Brand, Tom Shuff, Karen Simmons, Jeremy Van Hoven

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township manager via Zoom  
Brett Grams – Parks maintenance  
Jim Hayden – Recording secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Becker, second by Van Hoven, to approve Jan. 19, 2022, minutes. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT – The commission discussed the bills for January and February. They discussed the \$6,000 for cameras in the parks – beach, Wolters Woods, Sanctuary Woods. Becker asked to have copies of the bills earlier so they can look them over.

**Motion by Van Hoven, second by Simmons, to approve bills for January and February. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS – No report

ARTICLE V. STAFF REPORTS

Grams reported the new sign is up at Huyser Farm, is getting new snowblower and sweeper attachments ready.

Meshkin reported dune grass might be planted this spring along new property at beach, survey and design work is underway for the multi-use path along Blue Star Highway. Meshkin presented plans for Township Hall Park so the project can be “shovel ready” if state grants become available. Meshkin talked about deadlines for a park millage so the issue can be on the November ballot.

**Motion by Van Hoven, second by Becker, to hold a special parks commission workshop at 5 p.m. April 13 to discuss a possible parks millage. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKS PUBLIC RELATIONS

Meshkin met with Tom Page and is discussing the possible millage proposal. Website redesign is being worked on.

B. PARKS SIGNS: WELCOMING, DOGS AND OTHER

The commission discussed sign designs from Patty Meyer. Shuff plans to have an update for the next meeting.

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Michelle Sall, 3852 61<sup>st</sup> St.: Asked the parks commission to focus on accessibility at parks, focusing on older residents:

-- Need handicapped spots at beach parking lot;

-- Need programs to bring older residents to the parks;

-- Allow golf carts on trails at parks;

-- Acquire lakefront land where older residents can watch sunset without climbing stairs.

Van Hoven suggested investigating vouchers for Oval Beach so residents can go there to watch sunset in vehicles.

Shuff said the commission will discuss the issues at another meeting.

ARTICLE IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Becker, second by Van Hoven, to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**