

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

June 15, 2022  
Regular meeting  
6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker (on Zoom due to illness), Tom Shuff,  
Karen Simmons, Jeremy Van Hoven

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anne Brand

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township manager  
Brett Grams – Parks maintenance  
Jim Hayden – Public information officer

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Van Hoven, second by Simmons, to approve May 18, 2022, minutes. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 4-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT – The commission discussed the bills.

**Motion by Van Hoven, second by Simmons, to approve bills for May. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 4-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Gram updated the commission on placement of handicapped signs and painted parking spots.

Hayden updated the commission on media developments regarding parks and recreation.

ARTICLE V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKS SIGNS: WELCOMING, DOGS AND OTHER

Patty Meyer, director of the Felt Estate, updated the commission on two more informational signs. In May, the commission approved ordering a sign each for Shore Acres focusing on bluebirds, and the other for Sanctuary Woods focusing on the barred owl. Meyer presented designs for Farview Park focusing on pond ecosystems and Laketown Beach focusing on dune ecosystems. There are 13 signs total planned with an estimated cost of \$42,270. The township has budgeted \$60,000 for the project.

**Motion by Van Hoven, second by Becker, to order 2 signs as presented and posts. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 4-0 VOICE VOTE.**

**B. BOND PROPOSAL**

Meshkin updated the commission on a possible bond proposal for restrooms at township parks. The commission discussed the bond proposal for \$1.21 million to be paid over no more than 5 years at a millage rate of 0.4562.

**Motion by Simmons, second by Van Hoven, to recommend and request the township board approve the resolution for township parks restrooms as presented. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 4-0 VOICE VOTE.**

**ARTICLE VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PANCAKE BREAKFAST PARTICIPATION**

Shuff said he would like parks commission members to be present at the Graafschap Fire Department Pancake Breakfast on July 4 as part of outreach to the community.

**ARTICLE VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS -- None**

**ARTICLE VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Shuff, second by Becker, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 4-0 VOICE VOTE.**