

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
4338 BEELINE ROAD
HOLLAND, MI 49423

Aug. 17, 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: Anne Brand, Dick Becker, Tom Shuff, Karen Simmons, Jeremy Van Hoven

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Simmons, second by Van Hoven, to approve June 15, 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.

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

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS

Meshkin reported the township board approved the parks millage request for the November ballot.

Grams updated the board on his activity including replacing bridge boards on the bike path, removing a downed tree at Sanctuary Woods and replacing damaged steps, cleaning bike paths and removing dead trees and clearing area at parking lot of Farview Park.

ARTICLE V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKS SIGNS: WELCOMING, DOGS AND OTHER

The commission noted letter from Patty Meyer regarding information signage.

ARTICLE VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. DAY OF CARING

United Way Day of Caring is Sept. 29. Volunteers will be cleaning stairs at Laketown Beach in the morning and clearing blueberry brush at Huyser Farm Park in the afternoon. Grams will be at the beach in the morning to bring equipment and help organize workers. Shuff will be at Huyser Farm Park in the afternoon to help organize. Grams will bring equipment.

B. TOWNSHIP HALL PARK GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Meshkin updated the commission on possible upcoming grant opportunities including the Spark Grant, the Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant, and a possible private grant. Money could be used for expansion of the Township Hall Park. The parks commission might need to act quickly when the Sparks Grant becomes available, so a special meeting may be needed.

C. LAKETOWN BEACH

Van Hoven suggested the township purchase some informational signs for Laketown Beach warning of rip currents and what to do if caught in one.

Motion by Van Hoven, second by Becker, to instruct the township manager to purchase 2 rip current informational signs as presented to be placed at Laketown Beach. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Simmons noted that the Huyser Farm Park archery hunting packets are distributed.

Shuff said he received a letter from a resident in support of the millage for restrooms.

ARTICLE VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Simmons, second by Becker, to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.