

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

October 19, 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: Jim Hayden – Public information officer

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Van Hoven, second by Becker, to approve Sept. 21, 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 Simmons, second by Becker, to approve bills for September. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS -- None

ARTICLE V. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKS SIGNS: WELCOMING, DOGS AND OTHER

The commission discussed the informational signs by Patty Meyer. The commission wants the current signs to remain in place until the new signs are installed.

B. PARKS PUBLIC RELATIONS

The commission discussed the millage meetings.

The commission thanked Wayne and Shari Walton for the donation of the butterfly garden sign to be placed at Huyser Farm in the spring.

The commission discussed planting wildflowers along with milkweed in the butterfly garden area. Brand will look into planting wildflowers at the park.

ARTICLE VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. HUYSER FARM HOUSE COMMITTEE

Shuff named Van Hoven chairperson of the committee to investigate options of what is to be done with the Huyser House. Simmons will also be on the committee. Van Hoven will seek out community members to serve on the committee. He will report back to the parks commission.

Simmons reported one hunter at Huyser has taken a deer.

ARTICLE VII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tom Hoekman, 4174 62nd St., Holland: Would like to serve on the Huyser Farm House Committee; Said out-of-towners are picking blueberries at Huyser Farm and selling them at a farmers' market; Said he has been "attacked by jumping dogs" at the parks, specifically at Huyser; Said the commission needs to be transparent; Said people are negative about the proposed parks millage.

David Grumney, 6070 138th Ave., Holland: Noted Huyser House was built as residential but if used for other purposes, structure will require upgrades.

ARTICLE VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Van Hoven, second by Becker, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.