

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

June 21, 2023
Regular meeting
6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Van Hoven called the regular Laketown Township Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brad Laninga

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Sall – Community development director
Brett Grams – Facilities operations
Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Becker, second by Brand, to approve the May 17, 2023, minutes. Van Hoven 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 Becker, second by Brand, to approve bills for May pending more information on the Heavener Property Service, John Kunkel, Ubiquiti Store and Netvortex items. Van Hoven called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 4-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS

Sall reported on township board action.

ARTICLE V. STAFF REPORTS

Grams reported that Escape Ministries is painting Wolters Woods restrooms; that the lawn at Wolters House is being mowed.

ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Comments started at 6:09 p.m.

Gregory Karbowski, 3955 Beeline Road: How did township get Huyser House; request for windscreens for pickleball courts and bike racks at the Township Hall; baseball field has holes.

Comments ended at 6:12 p.m.

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 5-year Master Plan Process Steps

Sall said post cards sent out, two meetings held.

B. Meet & Greet recap summary (June 8 & June 10)

Simmons hosted six people, listed concerns; Van Hoven hosted three people, listed concerns. Information will be sent to Brand to compile.

Simmons said residents have talked to her outside the meetings to express concerns about parks. Information will be sent to Brand to compile.

Sall asked about the parks evaluations set at the last meeting. She will make this an agenda item starting in July. Sall asked commissioners to look over master plan timeline and complete tasks.

The commission discussed the survey for the master plan. Van Hoven will ask fire chief about having the survey at the July Fourth Pancake Breakfast. No parks commission member will be present at the event. Commissioners agreed to eliminate millage questions, put survey in the summer newsletter and have link for website.

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The commission discussed parks evaluations. Van Hoven checked out beach, noted people walking on new grass plantings and asked if signs should be put out. Grams said signage from last year was stolen, fencing not an option.

Simmons asked why maintenance services are not bid (Sall said Heavener is responsive and responsible); where parks money comes from (Sall said it is general fund and millage money as well as grants); why doesn't bike path have its own budget, should it be separate from parks.

ARTICLE IX. CITIZEN COMMENTS

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Comments ended at 6:57 p.m.

ARTICLE X. ADJOURNMENT

Van Hoven adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.