

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28, 2008 Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Volunteer members in attendance were, Janet Clark, Nancy Stephan, Barb Waldron, Richard Thomas, Karen Motawi, Carolyn Chipman, Robert Baldwin

OLD BUSINESS

PERMITS FROM COUNTY FOR PARKS

J. Clark, township clerk reported the Mecosta County Commission approved the township's request to waive Green Charter Township's current park project for soil erosion permit fees.

Karen Motawi reported the grant application for the wildflower path has been sent in and we should be hearing something in January.

There was a discussion on what to do next:

1. Structural analysis from Gary Gerber
2. Grant application for next year
3. Bridge over creek, cost of project, regulations, approval, size
4. Finish clearing for wildflower path
5. Finish Hall park - split rail fence in front of playground equipment, cleanup grounds around shelter in early spring
6. Community service workers
7. Stairs south of shelter to plateau area
8. Nature trail grants
9. Acquisition grant for property across from the town hall
10. All must be handicap accessible

Marlies Manning came at 11 a.m.

There was a discussion on grant writing and she indicated she is interested in helping write the grant, if the township helps gather the information.

She also suggested applying for grants other than the DNR grant.

There was a discussion on some of the requirements when applying for a grant as, matching funds, ownership of property, community support, and trail destination.

Priority list:

1. Charlie Brown Park - backstop
2. Town hall park
 - Wildflower path,
 - Horseshoe pit
 - Basket ball backdrop net
 - Stone Hatchery Park spring cleanup east and south sides water discharge area
3. Historical Society and Foundation for funding
4. Nature trail - walks and tag what should be removed. (limit impact on stream)
5. Cost estimate on bridge
6. Public restrooms - hall park
7. Jim Hagerty – bridge estimate

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon

Janet Clark, Township Clerk