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**STONE HATCHERY PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 1, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was opened with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Volunteers members in attendance were, Karen Motawi, Janet Clark, Nancy Stephan, Roger Carroll, Diane Richards, Beverly Jensen, Allen & Sharon Parker

The minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting were present and corrected “ Jack Richards in attendance and Doris Wells was not. **MOTION** was made by Nancy Stephan and supported by Roger Carroll to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

The Stone Hatchery Park & Recreation Advisory Committee discussed the formation of an advisory committee rather than a park commission, as the township board had recommended.

There was a discussion and the consensus was to recommend to the township board the following township residents to be appointed to the Stone Hatchery Park & Recreation Advisory Committee: Bob Baldwin, Roger Carroll, Beverly Jensen, Lisa Lenahan, Karen Motawi, Allan Parker, Mike Pisani, Diane Richards, Nancy Stephan, Doris Wells. And Janet Clark, Carolyn Chipman, and Barbara Waldron as township board representatives. The Advisory Committee recommends Stone Hatchery Park & Recreation Advisory Committee not be issued any per diem compensation for meetings attended. The intention of the members is to serve as volunteers for community service. Also those in attendance suggested the township board recognize and utilizing any and all volunteers who wish to participate or contribute.

J. Clark informed the committee that the auditor recommended the township create a new capital projects fund ( approved by township board). Which all revenues, including grants, donations by individuals and transfers from general fund be placed into this fund.

**TOWNSHIP HALL GROUNDS PARK FACILITY**

Roger Carroll reported he had two estimates for the hall facility park just south of the township hall. Both Lynwood Hansen and Jim Zuern, estimated the excavating at \$5,000.

To including the following:

1. remove topsoil and place out back for future use
2. fill low area and basketball court with sand (Jr. high size court- 74x42)
3. grade and fill overflow parking area on NW corner of hall
4. Shuffle board grade & fill
5. Horseshoe pit grade & fill

**Other issues discussed were:**

1. Electric for picnic shelter
2. Benches & tables - need to be ADA accessible
3. Marking court and removable matt for shuffle board court
4. Possible later purchase fencing for basketball court

The committee will recommend to the township board approval of projects in stages/phases at the hall facility. At this time we are recommending that the following projects be approved for completion.

1. Excavation - \$5,000.00
  
2. Cement \$2.00 sq. ft.
  - Basketball court - 74x42 3108 sq.ft. x \$2.00 = \$6,216.00
  - Shuffle - board court 53x6 =318 sq ft. x \$2.00 = \$ 636.00
  - Picnic shelter - (24x32) @ \$2.00 per sq. ft. = \$1,536.00
  
3. Stone Hatchery building and site evaluation (one estimate \$1,500.00)

The discussion was to put the shelter up before the cement work is done.

### **PERMITS**

The committee discussed the permit fees of the county and suggested an exchange program. As an example would be the hall rental in leu of the permit fees.

### **BUILDERS OF THE TOWNSHIP.**

There was a discussion on using volunteers and volunteer builders for the picnic shelter. Possibly getting building contractors of the township to build the shelter. The township Advisory Committee will contact contractors of the township to see if interested.

### **MANCHESTER PARK**

The discussion on Manchester Park was that the township needs to watch if the Manchester Park property comes up for sale, could be next year with the State properties in Newaygo and Mecosta Counties.

Allen Parker reported first hand of bad instances that occurred there after the freeway opened and park was no longer used much as a picnic park.

Also Mr. Parker indicated he understood, the north 40 acres was donated to State, with the intention it be left as natural hunting property to the public.

In the township Recreation Master Plan page 34, 2006-2007 #6 "Draft a letter to DNR requesting cooperative management of Manchester Park". The committee discussed that the Manchester Park would serve best use to the township if kept in it's natural state for hunting and fishing with possibly better parking only.

### **LIGHTING FOR HALL PARK**

The lighting for the township park was discussed and hours open for usage. Dawn to Dusk was suggested.

### **HISTORY**

Diane Richards reported they purchased a new tape recorder to record history information, which can also be put on emails.

### **COMMUNITY PICNIC**

It was suggested to hold a community picnic when this hall park facility was completed. Also find out the number of children in the surrounding subdivisions.

### **PLAY EQUIPMENT**

There was a suggestion that when the hall is rented the township playground game equipment, like, basketballs, horse shoes, or shuffleboard equipment could also be used and covered by their hall deposit. Or bring their own.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2006 6:30 p.m.

### **CHARLIE BROWN PARK**

C. Clark reported she spoke with Joyce Randall of the Mecosta County Road Commission who will investigate the possible joint ownership/agreement for the park. Explaining a 425 is not an option.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk