Regular meeting of March 26, 2025 Marathon Township Hall, 4575 Pine St. Columbiaville, MI 48421 Minutes

Call to Order:

Amanda Renius called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call: Present were Amanda Renius, Crystal Klebba, Luann Thompson, Andrea Sly, and Ron Klocek, Alternate Randy Pett. Absent: Michelle Coultas, Dawn Johnson, and Cassey Mieslik. Also present: Dennis Hogan.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Amanda Renius to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Crystal Klebba. Motion carried.

Aproval of the Minutes:

Motion made by Amanda Renius to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Crystal Klebba. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dennis Hogan reported the mower/tractor is being serviced. He will work out installation details with Southern Link Trailway for the 4x4 posts for the Park signs at the entrances from the trailway. He also provided an update that additional security cameras will be in place by May.

Park Update:

- Number of people that visited the park in January was 116.
- February was 124.
- The Pavilion has several spots where concrete is disintegrating. Aluminum cladding has come loose in some areas, also. Dennis Hogan indicated he will contact Sergio, who had the concrete poured.
- Crystal Klebba will be returning back to work beginning April 1st. There is a lot of cleanup.
- March 7th and 8th, someone was messing around in the park, leaving deep grooves in the driveway. Crystal Klebba reported she has someone in mind who may be doing it and will work with Dennis Hogan.
- A couple had engagement photos taken in the park. The photographer said the park is a hidden gem.
- Park user traffic has been picking up this month.
- Ideas for future consideration include:
 - Geocaching.
 - QR code for donations.

Unfinished Business:

A. Disc Golf

- Brett Myers delivered a presentation on basic history of disc golf, it's bright future of continuing growth as an outdoor recreation opportunity. low environmental impact installation, and the benefits to the park and township residents. He also presented a proposal estimate, course layout, installation plans and timelines.
- Discussion followed on initial ideas for sponsorship opportunities.
- Motion by Amanda Renius to take the Disc Golf concept and Proposal Estimate to the Township Board for approval and funding. Seconded by Crystal Klebba. Motion carried.

B. Stage Project

- Motion made by Luann Thompson to postpone the stage project until further design and construction details become available. Seconded by Andrea Sly. Motion carried.
- Crystal Klebba will approach bands about the possibility of still playing in May and June without a stage.

C. Donation box

• Crystal Klebba reported all that remains is sandblasting and painting and the box will be ready for installation once the ground thaws.

New Business:

A: Introduced new Park Board Member Andrea Sly and Alternate Randy Pett.

B: Play Group at the Park

• Amanda Renius is finalizing plans for this upcoming season.

Adjournment:

Mmeeting adjourned at 7:05pm