

Regular meeting of April 23, 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, Dawn Johnson and Ron Klocek, Alternate Randy Pett.

Absent was Michelle Coultas.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion made by Amanda Renius to accept the agenda as presented with the addition of addressing park benches under new business. Seconded by Dawn Johnson. Motion carried.

Approval of the March 2025 Minutes:

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

Public Comment: N/A

Park Update:

- Number of people visiting the park in March was 643.
- April 1, 2025 is back to working at the park. The tractor has a new mower which has been attached for grass cutting.
- Water testing is on hold currently due to a break in the pipe.
- A donation of a chicken planter was made for the park by Steve and Judy Zuck.
- There are pavilion rentals for May 3, 10 and 24. Also two rentals so far for June.
- Cement in the pavilion is disintegrating, the contractor has been made aware of the situation and is going to put a finish coat on top.

Unfinished Business:

- Disc Golf has been put on hold due to funding. The township board is questioning whether the \$14,000. that was to be used for the park is available for this project. Township treasurer Lori Hollis says its to be used for grant matching. A grant for \$5000. was made for cameras in the park. If the grant is approved the budgeted amount for them by the township could be used for the installation of disc golf. The township board also wants hole 1 on the golfing map moved to where hole w is currently, then 2 moved to 3, etc. This will reduce the risk of someone being struck by one of the disks in the front of the park. There is also a question being raised about additional caution signing.
- Donation box just needs painted black and will be ready for installation.

- Posts and signs for the trail heads have arrived and are waiting to be installed.

New Business:

- Music in the park is tentatively scheduled for June 14,2025 from 1pm-4pm or possibly 1pm-5pm. There are currently 6 musicians interested that will play approximately 30-40 minutes. The north side of the pavilion will be used for set up. Crystal will check about a possible rain date.
- Ron Klocek talked about how the Southern Links Trailway has been collecting plastic bags to provide benches for along the trail. Dale Fuller has made the decision that he wants to step down from this project and is inquiring if the park board would like to pursue this opportunity. One thousand pounds of plastic bags will provide one bench a year. Currently bag collection spots are located in Forest Township and Dollar General.
- Ron is going to do further research to get specifics about the project and will bring more information at the next meeting.
- Amanda provided a copy of the flier for the summer Playgroup.
- Also mentioned was a friends group of the park was in the process of being formed.
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Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm