

Special Meeting

Milton Township Board

Park & Rec., Committee

January 13, 2015

Members present: Bargy, Cole, Pharo, S. Ball and Atkinson

Park & Rec., committee members present: B. Kingon, G. Payne, R. Gray, D. Kopkau and C. Weinzapfel

Representative from Gozling Czubak: Klaus H.

Meeting in session at 9:15

Park & Rec., committee reviewed and approved their minutes.

Opening statement from Klaus on project phases.

- a. MDNR Grant Application due April 1, 2015
- b. Explanation of Acquisition process

Review plan updates with discussion on point structure for DNR Grant – The higher the score, the more money granted for project. Key components are improvements to the water accessibility. The water trail is a big project. We can be a part of that project. That will be a “big positive.”

Grant Application Schedule

Outlined is a checklist for the MDNR Grant process and deadlines.

- a. Resolution to apply for MDNR Grant
- b. Schedule Public Hearing
- c. Liz to open application with the state
- d. Public Hearing – Scheduled for February 9, 2015 6:00PM
- e. Second Resolution to the Conservancy will be done February 9, 2015
- f. Klaus to send copy of the plan to the GTB members
- g. Letters in support of project to be submitted with application
- h. Mid-March is the deadline for the check list items to be completed.
- i. October will be the time to show where the matching funds will come from (General Fund) etc.

Comments

Discussion on dockage and the current access site. Kingon wanted to know if the 60k in the Probable Cost formula is something that is included in the initial phase we're looking at. Klaus stated, it is.

Improvement to the access site is a point advantage for the application. It needs to be part of this application, even if there are subtle improvements for kayaks and canoes. It was discussed

at the last meeting to remove the dockage from the plans. What you see here, is no-longer part of the plan. I just didn't take it out yet.

Kopkau asked in regards to the access. What if we did nothing with that right now, and leave it as it is? We already have a big issue down at the Torch River Bridge. I don't think we want that problem up here. If it's there, people will come and we won't be able to control the traffic and congestion. S. Ball agreed. This project is for the residents/families of Milton Township.

Atkinson asked if there was a problem at other launch sites. Like Alden etc... Pharo stated yes; there is a big problem. Traffic is backed up and there are boats and trailers parked everywhere. It is not something we would want here.

There will be a public hearing held here at the Milton Township Office 7023 Cherry Ave, P.O. Box 309, Kewadin, MI 49684 on February 9th. 2015 at 6:00pm for the public to view the **Waterfront ConceptualPlan.**

These minutes are subject to approval at the February 9th. 2015 regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Ball

Milton Township Clerk