

## **Bear Creek Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting**

Monday, December 7, 2020

Zoom Meeting

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Roll call
  - a. Members present: Joe Villemure in Bear Creek Township(BCT), Dan Goldsmith in Riverside County, CA, Jerry Bush in BCT, Matt Koontz in BCT, Dave Farris in BCT, Doug Kendziorski in BCT.
  - b. Special Guest: Maureen Doull (potential replacement for Matt Koontz), Dennis Keiser (Township Supervisor), Emma Kendziorski (Township Clerk), Kendell Klingelsmith (City of Petoskey Parks and Recreation)
- III. Kendell Klingelsmith presented to the committee a conceptual dog park plan for the property on the corner of Click and McDougal Road. Doug Kendziorski raised questions about the amount of property being used and raised concerns about having enough room for a canoe/kayak launch. Doug Kendziorski also raised long term financial upkeep concerns. Joe Villemure realized we had an old version of the proposed land use. The new plan Kendell Klingelsmith showed us appeared to not consume as much of the property. Kendell Klingelsmith also informed us this would most likely be a joint venture with the City of Petoskey, Emmet County, Resort Township, and Bear Creek Township. Kendell Klingelsmith also spoke of the possibility of finding a 'friends of the dog park' group of people willing to initially fundraise to get potential funding for matching grants to construct. Emma Kendziorski questioned who would potentially be liable for any unforeseen incidents of dogs biting people or other dogs. Denny Keiser and Kendell Klingelsmith both assured the committee that this would potentially be all worked out with the governmental entities involved and share in the cost of liability insurance. Denny Keiser gave us a brief history of how Bear Creek got the property from the county. The deed has some minor restrictions that will need to be cleaned up prior to any grant writing, per Denny Keiser. The timetable for this potential project is slated for 2023 at the earliest. Kendell Klingelsmith will be getting Joe Villemure an updated copy of the potential dog park with hopefully a conceptual area for the canoe/kayak launch with parking. Jerry Bush raised a concern about drive thru parking for landscape and canoe/kayak trailers. Joe Villemure asked all committee members if all were on board currently with the potential dog park plans. All are in agreement as of now. There will be another committee meeting to discuss the potential site plan in the next few weeks.
- IV. Joe Villemure asked Doug Kendziorski to fix a minor name issue on the 10/5/20 Parks and Recreation minutes. Dan Goldsmith made a motion to accept the revised 10/5/20 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Bush. Passed unanimously.
- V. Joe Villemure briefly discussed the Bear River Water Trail and the Little Traverse Wheelway rerouting though the Petoskey State Park.
- VI. Joe Villemure thanked Matt Koontz for his time he served on the Parks and Recreation Committee and wished him luck in his new position.

- VII. Joe Villemure introduced Maureen Doull as the possible replacement for Matt Koontz on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Denny Keiser said she would most likely be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee at the next board meeting.
- VIII. Joe Villemure shared with us a schedule for the 2021 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting dates. Dan Goldsmith motioned to accept meeting dates for 2021 as follows: January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 14, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Bush. Passed unanimously.
- IX. Joe Villemure made a motion to make Jerry Bush the new chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Dan Goldsmith 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed unanimously.
- X. Joe Villemure made a motion to have Dan Goldsmith be the vice chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Koontz. Passed unanimously.
- XI. Joe announced we will be having a follow up meeting to discuss the potential dog park on December 14, 2020. Emma Kendziorski to set up meeting for Joe Villemure.
- XII. Jerry Bush asked about tree removal at Spring Lake Park. Denny Keiser told him this was planned cleanup mostly from midsummer wind storm damage. Denny also said the shower tower being installed at Jones Landing is coming along well.
- XIII. Doug Kendziorski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Goldsmith. Passed unanimously.

*Douglas J. Kendziorski*