

Clark Township Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 21, 2021, 7 PM

Present: (via Zoom) Mark Clymer, *Supervisor*; Max Heil, *Recreation Director*; Lynn Brown, *LC Bike Path, Chair*; Sarah Reding, *Vice-chair*; Noel Weaver, *Heritage Park*; Dave Murray, *Deputy Supervisor*, Paul Gaberdiel, *DNR*, Robin Pendery, *LC Foundation*, Carol Murray.

Update of committee projects

Max described activities for Heritage Park this year.

- * Expanding the playground for ADA access and a new swing set.
- * Frog Fest July 10, 10 am to 2 pm; more info on Watershed website.
- * Restroom facility for next year, Corn Hole Tournament fund raiser at this year's July 4 celebration; estimated cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 which includes site preparation and sewer connect; will be hosed and power washed for cleanup.
- * Facebook page set up with additional events such as Pickleball.

Lynn described fund raising ongoing for Bike Path, under Kerri Mertaugh memorial, approaching \$76,000; she said Mark identified using some Township property near the turnout on M-134 to help with a link for the path.

Dave said the Township has applied for a Trust Fund grant of \$267,000 for Peek-a-Boo Hill; Max has cleared two loops making it available for hiking.

Max commented on the marinas that the launch ramps are in, the docks at Hessel will be installed May 1 and both marinas be open in mid-May; a lot of fishing people using the Hessel marina pier; fundraising being conducted for the kayak launch at Cedarville marina, Watershed Council donated.

Mark described finalizing the pre-engineering plans for Hessel marina to include a launch ramp into the west side of the marina and an additional dock would be shaped as an "L".

Recreation Plan

Mark said the five-year plan ends in 2022 and updating would include identifying projects completed and listing new projects for next three years. Paul suggested conducting a community survey to understand the newer ideas and desires of the community; last survey done in 2014. Mark said by end of December 2022 new plan should be ready for Township Board to approve in January and this summer would be good to begin work on it. Lynn recommended the committee (or a committee) read through the plan and be ready to discuss at the July meeting.

Recreation Millage

Mark said the millage issue is complicated with money potentially coming from Washington and the Township placing a request for millage in August for a new ambulance. Timing is crucial for a millage request especially to people on fixed incomes. First step is to plan a budget to determine how much is needed to manage the recreational assets. Noel said to outline what we would do with the money, how much would be spent, what

projects are done and what are planned. A quarter mill would help with maintenance. Lynn said a committee be formed to provide a framework for a millage. Noel, Sarah, and Lynn will meet. Noel said in talking to people at the parks everyone was in favor.

Mark said the Treasurer's office is setting recreation accounts and a need to meet with Robin regarding two recreation accounts already established with the Foundation, such as the Heritage Park endowment.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Move to **July 14 at 7 PM**