

Clark Township Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 14, 2021, 7 PM

Present: Mark Clymer, *Supervisor*; Max Heil, *Recreation Director*; Lynn Brown, *Chair and LC Bike Path*; Sarah Reding, *Vice-chair*; Dave Murray, *Deputy Supervisor*; Robin Pendery, *LC Foundation*; Mike Jellison; Jordon Huff, *Peek-a-Boo Trails*.

Minutes of April 21, 2021, meeting approved.

UPDATE OF COMMITTEE PROJECTS

Max described activities for Heritage Park this year.

- * New swing set installed; playground area expanded by 50% and made ADA accessible.
- * Fund raising for restroom continues; Cornhole Tournament netted about \$150 to \$200; plans to make it a annual event. About \$20,000 has been raised with a goal of \$100,000.
- * Pickleball and Tennis to share the two courts, with one primarily used for Pickleball.
- * Mike Jellison addressed the committee with plans to resurface one court and make one tennis court into four permanent Pickleball courts; courts are in need in general repair; \$8000 to resurface and convert one tennis court for Pickleball; Pickleball play is daily with as may as 14 people participating. Max said an estimate to resurface the entire tennis court was about \$68,000.

* Mr. Jellison said Pickleball is more of a social game and rapidly growing in participation. The group organizing Pickleball play may host two or three tournaments to help raise funds.

* Sarah Reding moved for the Recreation Committee to recommend to the Township Board to support converting one tennis court to four Pickleball Courts. Committee voted in agreement.

Dave reported on the Peek-a-Boo Hill Trails project.

- * Need \$300 to meet the match for the Trust Fund grant.
- * Narley Whale has partnered to do a pastie 'round-up' each Wednesday where customers are invited to round-up their purchase cost as donations.
- * Committee working on developing a website to enable purchases of t-shirts, hats, and other items. The domain name is www.peek-a-boo-trails.com. Suggestion made to direct from this site to Township website for information and donations.
- * Some discussion about developing more signage now to direct people to the trails for hiking.

Lynn described fund raising ongoing for Bike Path, under Kerri Mertaugh memorial.

- * About \$80,000 pledged.
- * Need to raise about \$1 million, with total cost about \$3 million for Boardwalk.
- * Suggestion to construct the path in sections over a few years.
- * A two-track trail (former electrical line easement) exists from near the cemetery in Hessel and able to reach near the turn-out on M134.

Max commented on the marinas.

- * Both marinas are busy with 100% capacity on weekends.
- * Ramp fees are paid consistently.
- * New skid pier in Cedarville installed.

* Engineering plans for Hessel marina have narrowed to two-approaches, with a final hybrid plan to be developed. Funding will be an issue.

* Increased use of marinas has heightened boating safety issues with crowding, lack of boating etiquette. Law enforcement is difficult.

Sarah commented on the Fat-Tire Bike Event

* Planned for Saturday October 9 as a recreation fund raiser.

* Hoping to have 25 riders.

RECREATION PLAN

Discussion about Township Recreation millage

* Need to fit into the 'sense' of the community. This year, millage for new emergency equipment, ambulance.

* Long term millage to help with maintenance and repairs for recreation facilities.

* Concern to combine various projects funding needs which a millage could address.

* Survey of community to prioritize projects would be helpful, as there are three constituencies to consider: year-round, summer residents, and vacationers.

* **Mark** said Township has someone working on the Redevelopment Ready Program through the MEDC, which provides access to a variety of grant opportunities some helpful for updating township plans.

* Additional needs for the Plan: specific outreach, inclusion of youth, dog park at Hessel airport, basketball court at Heritage Park.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:25 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2021, at 7 PM