Minutes: ***Final***

Date: July 12, 2023

Torch Lake Township - Day Park Advisory Committee Meeting

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| **Meeting**  | Wednesday, July 12, 2023 |
| **Time:**  | 2:02 PM  |
| **Attendees**  | Bob Cook, Dave Eggebrecht, Virginia Hawkins, Bob Hawkins, Rita Service, S. Wright |
| **Secretary** | Rita Service |
| **Audience** | 4 |

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| 1. **Agenda Approval**
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| Agenda approved with changes. M/S: R. Service, D. Eggebrecht Passed 5-0 |

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| 1. **Approval of Minutes**
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| * May 5, 2023 approved. M/S: V. Hawkins, R. Service Passed 5-0
* June 1, 2023 approved with changes. M/S:R. Service, D. Eggebrecht
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| 1. **Citizen Commentary –** None
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| 1. **Old Business:**
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| * **2nd round Spark grant:** TLT Supervisor talked with DNR & said based on 1200 applicants, our ranking for the 1st application & Torch Lake’s per capita, that would be waste of time to apply as State has already determined areas to receive the grant funds.
* **Bike Rack:** $676 Cherry Capital grant received for bike rack. 7-bike rack purchased, $52.96 remaining to be used to built concrete pad for rack. Location of pad discussed. Some members wanted it in the actual Park area for owners to be able to see their bikes, however, the majority of Committee members felt owner’s responsibility to keep bikes locked. No decision made but location to be determined with future discussion to reach Committee consensus.
* **Fencing:** Motion made to accept the $8,000 estimate from Landscape Perfection for installation of a cedar split rail fence at the Wm. K. Good Day Park per Landscape Perfection’s description. Motion made to M/S: V. Hawkins, D. Eggebrecht. Roll call vote: V. Hawkins: “Yes”, B. Hawkins “Yes”, D. Eggebrecht “Yes”, R. Service “Yes”, S. Wright “Yes”. Motion to be sent to TLT Board for approval as contract >$5K.
* **Attendants:** Unfortunately, no want ads were placed for current season. Currently have 5, including 3 Committee members working at boat launch. Discussion of requiring Committee membership to either work at or recruit boat launch attendant. Need to make priority to place ads for 24 season.
* **Point & Pay:** Current internet connection poor (I86). Supervisor Cook to oversee new internet connection with either True Stream or Comcast.
* **Attendant Shirts:** 7 remaining in stock.
* **Trees/plantings:** Pine Hill Nursery to be at Day Park on Friday, 7/14/23 @10am to discuss plantings & location. Committee members invited to attend.
* **Night sky lighting at Pier**. B. Hawkins to purchase a light meter. Estimated cost is $25.
* **Parking gate for entry fee:** Majority of Committee members opposed as idea has been proposed for the past few years but cost, logistics & potential vandalism outweigh any potential benefit.
* **Road Parking:** Supervisor Cook reiterated that parking on Public Dock road (an Antrim County road) is legal if all of the vehicle’s wheels are off the road.
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| 1. **New Business:**
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| * **Resident boat trailer stickers**: B. Hawkins to order new stickers. Sticker requirements: visible expiration date, sticker color to change annually, 3-year expiration. Next expiration: 2028.
* **Launch Fee Waiver Request:** Action Water Sports of Traverse City requested a waiver of $500 annual Wm. K. Good boat launch fee as they stated they launch very few boats into Torch Lake. The fee is charged to commercial users for use of the ramp. If a commercial user launches a resident’s boat, resident’s responsibility to get a resident sticker for their trailer. All members voted “no” on waiver. V. Hawkins to contact Action Water Sports with the Committee’s decision.
* **Park progress & culture.**

D. Eggebrecht observed that when he is at boat launch/Park, most patrons are out-of-state (looking for the sandbar), most days are good with 1 attendant at boat launch, grills are being used, new garbage bins are good & suggested an exit survey/box. S. Wright suggested formation of a Torch Lake Social Committee (“TLSC”) to increase activities, particularly children’s weekday ones, at the Park. Supervisor Cook stated he would bring to TLT Board to vote of approval & nominate Sheila as Chair.* **Community Roundtable:** Supervisor Bob Cook discussed his roundtable meeting with TLT residents living in proximity to Day Park. A topic of concern was irregular Park meetings that Bob Cook promised to address. Another outcome was willingness of Sue Sarin, Char Lundy & Mike Healey to join the Day Park Advisory Committee (“Committee”). Bob Cook to add their names to the next TLT Board agenda to bring motion to appoint to Committee.
* **Boat & Kayak Repair/Expansion:** Supervisor Cook also discussed that he requested a revision to the original boat ramp & kayak launch expansion plans due its prohibitive costs. In addition, he reached out to the DNR for possible grant funds. Committee discussed various kayak launch locations & the feasibility of a kayak launch. No decision was made.
* **E-coli safety issue: test prevention.** S. Wright inquired if TLT could do testing & to increase frequency. Supervisor Cook stated that only Health Dept has authority to close beaches from their testing.
* **Meeting Frequency:** Pursuant to Bob Cook’s roundtable, a motion was made to hold regularly scheduled monthly Day Park Advisory Committee meetings. Motion made to hold meetings every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. M/S: R. Service, V. Hawkins. Passed 5-0.
* **Night swim safey issues:** Tabled to next meeting
* **Waverunner safety issues**: Tabled to next meeting
* **Pier safety signs**: Tabled to next meeting
* **Mission statement / master plan:** Tabled to next meeting
* **Resident survey / community input:** Tabled to next meeting
* **Park swim area DNR permit:** Tabled to next meeting
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| **5.Summary Actions for Next Meeting**  |
| * Bike rack concrete pad location – Committee
* Improve internet – Bob Cook
* Order Resident boat trailer stickers – V. Hawkins
* Trees – 7/14/23 @ 10:30 Any available Committee member
* Torch Lake Social Committee – S. Wright
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| 1. **Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 8, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m.**
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| 1. **Citizen Commentary:** None
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| 1. **Adjournment**  4:15 PM M/S: V. Hawkins, R. Service Passed 5-0
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