

Village of Three Oaks Parks & Recreation Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
Of March 9, 2020

Call to order: 7:00pm

Roll call:

- **Present** – Joan Brown, Marlene Kramer, Tyler Ream, Debbie Schutt, Larry Shawver
- **Absent** – Gigi Carroll Becky Thomas
- **Attending** – Dave Grosse, acting village manager, Derek Sever, Abonmarche

Approval of Agenda of March 9, 2020

Public comment: none

Business:

- **Watkins Park** –Special meeting regarding Application for proposed ADA compliant upgrades to Watkins Park including volleyball and bocce courts, horseshoes among others
 - Dave Grosse gave an overview of the plan changes and expectations.
 - Derek Sever explained the process of the grant request.
 - The DNR grant program divides available money on a point system. Specific items give more points. DNR has a certain amount of money to allot each year, and it is allotted on a point system. ADA weighs high on points.
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 - Budget plan: \$50,000 from DNR grant, \$50,000 from The Pokagon Fund (committed), \$50,000 from the general fund. This is phase 1 . apply in multiple years for other activities including tennis, pickle ball.
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 - Discussion:
The proposed ADA path with ‘passing lanes’ for wheelchair access, benches along those paths for persons with walkers would score high. Beach volleyball, and bocce will get more points than tennis because of the availability of tennis in surrounding area. Having the ice rink and gazebo in place would be worth points. Tennis courts are a high ticket item because of the amount of cement and would run phase 1 very high.

Motion to approve the drawing and engineering proposal for a grant request to the MI DNR by Larry Shawver, 2nd by Debbie Schutt, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm by Debbie Schutt, 2nd by Tyler Ream, motion passed.

Submitted by Joan Brown on behalf of Secretary

Next meeting: April 6, 2020