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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes 6 November 2023

Village of Three Oaks Parks and Recreation Meeting 6 November 2023
The Meeting was held at the Village Hall, 21 N Elm Street
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128

Call to Order

Parks and recreation Chair Lindsey Clements called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and called the roll:

Present: Lindsey Clements, Joan Brown, Marlene Kramer, Ira Johnson and Larry Shawver.

Absent: Tyler Ream and Ed White (both excused)

Motion to approve the agenda and the October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes was made by Brown, supported by Johnson and approved.

Aidan Sullivan was present via Zoom, Village President Richard Smith was present as a member of the public, Dan Faulkner, Village Manager served in support of the committee, Joe Hinman, Village Council member, and Zoe Elrick attended as members of the public. Ms Elrick asked to speak on her thoughts for a 501(c)3 to be formed to acquire the elementary school for a community and nature center.

As the meeting started Clement invited Ms Elrick to speak on behalf of her thoughts for a Nature and Community Center. Elrick shared a design concept and explanation of her idea for the future use of the Three Oaks Elementary School property. After discussion it was suggested she wait until the RV School Board finalizes their intent on the disposal of the property. At which time she will have a better idea of how she might support the future development of the property.

- 1) Chamberlain Path:** Village Wayfinding Sign placement by the DDA was discussed by Joe Hinman and Richard Smith,(as members of the public), with specific information regarding the sign planned for Chamberlain Path. **Motion to approve the signage concept as presented by Hinman, was made by Shawver, supported by Johnson and approved.**

Rain Garden Updates:

Ira Johnson felt he now has necessary measurements and supporting information for his work in designing the proposed Rain Garden, and plans to have concepts for the garden for review at our March meeting.

2) Watkins Park:

The newspaper ad, presenting available items left in storage in the two Lions buildings which have been gifted to the city will have been placed prior to our next meeting and will be reviewed and discussed at that time.

3) Three Oaks Autumn Stroll

General satisfaction with the success of the Village Autumn Stroll was expressed by those manning the booth in Chamberlain Path Park, with discussion also taking place of needed attention for future events, to improve movement of participants to the south part of the Village across the RR tracks. Maybe a pumpkin carving contest held at the Carver Park pavilion might be planned.

4) Commemorative Tree and Bench Program:

Chair Clement's hopes to have a final draft for the program, for review at our next meeting.

5) Dewey Cannon Park:

Discussion regards the Holiday Stroll planned for 25 November, and the need to decorate the gazebo with lights as was done last year was held. After Discussion, **a motion was made by Kramer supported by Brown and unanimously approved by voice vote; to approve up to \$250.00 to purchase the lights for decorating the gazebo.**

Patronicity Grant update.

Brown and Kramer have been working with Aiden Sullivan to finalize copy for use in seeking the Patronicity Grant, to fund the toilet structure, projected for Dewey Cannon Park. They have developed an attractive presentation of the building and are now finalizing the intended copy for the "request" that will be placed on the internet. Brown reviewed the current copy for the placement which she will finalize with Sullivan for placement on the internet ASAP..

6) Carver Park:

Discussion was held regarding the Christmas Tree lighting in Carver Park. In general it was agreed we do a similar program as done last year, with cocoa and cookies, Santa and Elf. The date will be established at this weeks City Council Meeting and we will finalize our plans at the December meeting

7) Community Garden:

President Smith shared their have been discussions regards the Village purchasing the property which includes the Community Garden from the Township, and he hopes to have cost information for our consideration by the December meeting

8) 2024 Parks and Recreation meeting schedule:

After discussion; a motion was made by Brown supported by Johnson and approved to change the regular Monday meeting dates for January and September to January 8th and September 9th.

At 8:18 pm Kramer made the motion to adjourn which was supported by Brown and approved.