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Parks and Recreation Board Minutes
8 January 2024

Village of Three Oaks Parks and Recreation Meeting 1/8/24
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 6:57 pm and called the roll:

Present: Lindsey Clements, Joan Brown, Marlene Kramer, Ed White and Larry Shawver.

Absent: Ira Johnson (excused)

(Former Village Council representative Tyler Ream is no longer a member of the Village Council and will be replaced on the Parks Board at the next Village Council meeting)

Motion to approve the Agenda and the 4 December 2023 Meeting Minutes was made by Kramer, supported by Brown and approved.

Aiden Sullivan was present, Village Manager Dan Faulkner served in support of the meeting and President Richard Smith, attended as a member of the public

1) Dillard Park: Following discussion of the necessary removal of the large Catalpa tree in Dillard Park, due to excessive deterioration inside the tree; and a cost estimate for its removal received from Dudiak Tree Service;

A motion was made by Joan to approve the removal of the Catalpa tree at the corner of Dillard Park, Supported by Larry and approved

2) Dewey Cannon Park: Aiden Sullivan briefly reviewed the status of the Patronicity Grant to fund the bathroom facility in Dewey Cannon Park that he and Dan have prepaid for submission, and following discussion submitted the Grant. He also agreed to provide the submitted version to all members of the Parks Board.

3) Community Garden: Following discussion with President Richard Smith on the status of discussions taking place with the Township regards the possible acquisition of the Community Garden by the Village;

Shawver made a motion for the Parks and Recreation Board to inform the Village Council, the Board continued to look with favor on the Village acquiring the Garden as a Village Park; the motion was seconded by Ed White and approved by Roll Call. v

4) Request for survey: Board member Joan Brown opened discussion on the status of steps being taken to protect the Pin Oaks and other significant trees in Dewey Cannon Park from potential damage to their root systems by vehicular traffic around the perimeter of the park, specifically from the increased traffic on Music in the Park performance nights.

Following such discussion that included the observation made by Village Manager Dan Faulkner for the need of a survey defining the Parks boundary with that of the RR right of way;

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Shawver and approved; for Manager Faulkner to secure the necessary survey to begin exploration of the necessary improvements that might be made to protect the trees in Dewey Cannon Park from vehicular traffic near the trees.

Following the Managers and Village Council Representative Reports.
Chair Clements asked for further remarks from the Committee. There being
none,

**Clements, noting it was 7:45 pm, asked for a motion to adjourn;
which was made by Kramer, supported by Shawver and approved.**

**Prepared by Larry Shawver,
Secretary
1/10/24**