

## **Parks and Recreation Board Minutes**

### **11 September 2023**

Village of Three Oaks, Parks and Recreation Meeting 11 September 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 7:02 pm, and called the roll:

**Present: Lindsey Clements, Joan Brown, Marlene Kramer, Tyler Ream, Larry Shawver and Ed White. At 7:05 pm Ira Johnson joined the meeting.**

**Absent: None**

Village President Richard Smith, was present as a member of the public, Village Manager Dan Faulkner served in support of the meeting and Aidan Sullivan, Village Student Intern, joined the meeting via Zoom. Dennis Wojtczak, 206 Chestnut, was present as a member of the public.

**A motion to approve the 7 August 2023 meeting minutes , and the 11 September 2023 Meeting Agenda was made by Shawver, supported by White and approved.**

#### **1) Grant packet review by Aiden Sullivan**

Aiden joined the meeting via a Zoom connection to share an update on the grant seeking, and grant writing he has done. Working with Dan they have developed a grant seeking funding proposal for placement on a web site, ( "Patranicity" (?) ) for a bathroom in Dewey Cannon Park. Aiden shared the initial copy for posting on the site, and asked the Board to review and edit it for discussion at our next meeting.

He also shared an update of our Smart Grant application, which if

we do not receive on this go around we can re-submit at the end of September. He also assured us he would continue to monitor and manage the grants he has developed.

**2) Commemorative Tree and Bench Program**

Will be reviewed and discussed at the October meeting

**3) Dedication Plaque**

Brown explained where the plaque would be placed in Dewey Cannon Park and informed there would be a dedication of the plaque on Friday 22 September, before the 50th anniversary of the ride on the 24th.

**4) Watkins Park**

Clements reported the acceptance of the proposed gift of the Lion's buildings in the park had been completed and Village Attorney Hillmer was to now draft a letter of acceptance. Once this is done the Village can proceed with clearing the buildings of their contents and determining what the next step should be

**5) Three Oaks Autumn Stroll**

Scheduled for 21 October. Awaiting finalization of the event by DDA, will review and discuss at our October meeting.

**6) Chamberlain Path**

Village Manager Faulkner informed Three Oaks is now the owner of the Village Hall, and the road between the Hall and Chamberlain Path Park. Following previous discussions, the Park Board might now start to plan the inclusion of the "road way" into Chamberlain Path Park. Initial discussion included comments from Ira Johnson that he would welcome participation in the design of the park, that might include a rain garden.

**7) Dewey Cannon Park**

Status of the painting and repair of the gazebo was discussed. Shawver agreed to meet with Faulkner to determine what next step should be in securing bids for the work.

**8) Community Garden**

Village President Richard Smith, speaking as a member of the public, informed of initial conversation with Township Supervisor Mangold of the possibility for the Village to acquire the land north of the elementary school that includes the Community Garden. President Smith asked the Board if they would consider making the Garden a Village Park if such a transaction took place.

Following this information; **Ream made a motion to encourage such action by the Village Council; and the Parks Board would welcome consideration of making the Community Garden a park, if recommended by the Council, motion was supported by Shawver and unanimously passed with a roll call.**

**There being no further comments from the Board or Public, Chair Clements asked for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Kramer, supported by Shawver and approved at 8:06 pm**