

Request for Funding for Park Programming

May 18, 2024

The Parks and Recreation Board is requesting a budget of \$200 per month to support our park programming initiatives. The requested funds will be allocated for materials, supplies, and program instructors.

Park programming is vital for the following reasons:

1. Community Enrichment: Programs provide opportunities for residents to engage in healthy, educational, and enjoyable activities.
2. Increased Park Usage: Offering a variety of programs attracts more visitors to our park, promoting a sense of community and belonging.
3. Health and Wellness: Programs such as exercise classes and nature walks encourage physical activity, contributing to the overall well-being of participants.
4. Social Interaction: Organized activities facilitate social connections among community members.
5. Youth Development: Programs aimed at children, such as playgroups and crafts, support cognitive and social development in a safe and supportive environment.

Park programming examples (non-exhaustive list):

1. Playgroups: Regular playgroups for children of all ages, providing a safe space for play and socialization while parents can connect and share experiences.
2. Kids Crafts: Creative craft sessions for children, offering a fun and educational outlet for artistic expression.
3. Nature Walks: Guided nature walks that educate participants about local flora and fauna, promoting environmental awareness and appreciation.
4. Exercise Classes: Regular fitness classes, such as yoga and zumba, suitable for all age groups and fitness levels, encouraging a healthy lifestyle.
5. Seasonal Events: Special events aligned with holidays and seasons, such as pumpkin carving in the fall or a spring flower planting day.

Park programming is an investment in the well-being of our

community. The proposed programs will not only enrich the lives of our residents but also increase the utilization and appreciation of our park. We respectfully request the Township Board's approval of a monthly budget of \$200 to support these initiatives. We look forward to your positive response and the opportunity to enhance our community together.

Sincerely,

Amanda Renius

Chairperson, Parks and Recreation Board

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

Held May 8, 2024

6:00PM

TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON

Michelle Coultas, Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Hogan.

ROLL CALL

Dennis Hogan, Supervisor
Michelle Coultas, Clerk, Abs
Lori Hollis, Treasurer
Sandi Glesenkamp, Trustee
Bill Sickner, Trustee

DRAFT

Others in attendance:

Mark & Carol Winn
Amanda Renius
Amy Sterns

AGENDA: Hollis made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp, to approve the agenda with changes. **ALL AYES. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

MINUTES: Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hollis, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held April 10, 2024 as presented. **ALL AYES. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report was read and accepted into record.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Winn spoke about Get Away on Columbiaville Rd, asking what the construction noise was. Mr. Winn spoke about the pot hole patching on Columbiaville Rd. Mrs. Sterns introduced herself, spoke about her background and announced her candidacy for Register of Deeds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hogan, to recess the regular board meeting at 6:10 pm and begin the public hearing. **ALL AYES. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Public Hearing: Re: Ordinance 25.07 Change

The Planning Commission has recommended some minor changes in wording for 25.07, F., 1. An issue was brought to our attention about an accessory building being built on an adjoining lot separated by a private road. Discussion took place about why this might be an issue and where this seems to be a problem.

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hollis, to end the public hearing at 6:22 pm and return to the regular board meeting. **ALL AYES. NAYS: None. Motion carried.**

Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hogan to update the wording in ordinance 25.07, F., 1, to read:

“Where two or more abutting lots along a road are held under one (1) ownership, with one (1) of the lots being vacant and the other having a principal structure upon it,

an accessory building may be erected on the vacant lot provided such lots are combined to create a new lot with a single tax description. In the R5 district only, in the case where the two (2) lots are on opposite sides of an interior road within a platted subdivision or similar neighborhood configuration and separated only by such road right-of-way, an accessory building or structure may be erected.”

Roll call vote was taken. **AYES:** Hogan, Hollis, Glesenkamp, and Sickner. **NAYS:** None.
Motion carried.

Sewer pipe in front: Two estimates from Mike Douglas were presented to repair the sewer pipe going to the road. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hogan to accept the bids. **AYES:** Hollis, Glesenkamp, Sickner, and Hogan. **NAYS:** None. **Motion carried.**

Proposed Abandonment of a property: Hogan presented a map of North Lake Park; residents are looking into having a road right-of-way lot abandon and split between the two adjoining land owners. This may come before the board in the future.

Park Update: Amanda Renius reported that in April, we had 600 visitors to the park, numbers are up from last year. The park board is working on several fundraising ideas. The grant from FMCU has been put to use and items have been ordered. Amanda would like to start some new programs at the park. She will put together a proposal to submit to the board.

Park By-Laws: The park board has submitted changes to the by-laws for the park. See the proposed changes attached. Hollis made a motion with support from Hogan to accept their proposed changes with a change to section 6, section 6 will read, “These by-laws may be amended, by a majority vote recommendation of the Park Board. With final approval by the Marathon Township Board.” **AYES:** Hollis, Glesenkamp, and Hogan. **NAYS:** Sickner. **Motion carried.**

Park Electric: Hogan submitted 3 quotes for installing electric service at the Township Park. Glesenkamp made a motion, supported by Hollis, to accept the quote from JD Electric for \$1200.00. **AYES:** Glesenkamp, Sickner, Hogan, and Hollis. **NAYS:** None. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS

Hogan made a motion, supported by Glesenkamp, to approve warrants 10453 – 10486 in the amount of \$49,664.84 (including direct deposits from payroll checks) from General Fund and warrants 5013 in the amount of \$199.00 from the Building Department. **AYES:** Sickner, Hogan, Hollis and Glesenkamp. **NAYS:** None. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm by Supervisor Hogan.

Straw vote to approve the Road Commission Project agreements: **AYES:** Sickner, Hogan, Hollis, Coultas and Glesenkamp. **NAYS:** None. **Motion carried.**

Straw vote to approve new gravel added to the road at Hollenbeck Cemetery: **AYES:** Sickner, Hogan, Hollis, Coultas and Glesenkamp. **NAYS:** None. **Motion carried.**

Submitted by _____
Michelle Coultas, Clerk

Approved by _____
Dennis Hogan, Supervisor

Date _____