

**Regular meeting of January 29,2025**  
**Marathon Township Park: 4575 Pine Street, Columbiaville, Mi. 48421**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

Amanda Renius called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Roll Call: Present were Amanda Renius, Crystal Klebba, Luann Thompson, Michelle Coultas, Dawn Johnson and Ron Klocek. Also present Randy Pett. Betty Moorhouse was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion made by Amanda Renius to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Michelle Coultas. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Motion made by Michelle Coultas to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Amanda Renius. Motion carried. Renius. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Park Update:**

Number of people that visited the park in November was 519.

December was 345.

Sponsor plaques have been put up. Ron Klocek and Betty Moorhouse have both purchased plaques and have been placed.

The park has seen an increase in people out sled riding and cross country skiing.

There are 2 trees down but they are not blocking any paths and will be cleaned up during spring clean up.

Crystal Klebba proposed that an arborist come out to advise on cherry trees located near the pavilion that are stressed. Michelle Coultas knows someone that will come out and give us an assessment concerning them.

Flag is at half mast due to the death of President Jimmy Carter.

Bottle return bag was taken again.

A discussion was held concerning the opening and closing of the park times. Current wording states dawn to dusk. It was decided that we would check the wording on the grant for the park.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Stage quote received by Amanda Renius from Dennis Hogan from Sergio, the contractor that did the pavilion, was for \$20,000. This has been tabled until the next meeting.
- B. The donation box is still in progress by Jeff Staley but will be completed by spring.

- C. The question of park violations to rules was brought to the board for discussion. It was decided that Michelle Coultas would bring it the township board for recommendations.
- D. Disc golf representatives were not present for discussion, This will be rescheduled.

**New Business:**

- A. Officer Elections: Amanda Renius nominated herself to continue as chairman. Dawn Johnson made motion to support, Michelle Coultas second the motion. Motion passed.  
Crystal Klebba was nominated by Amanda Renius as co-chairman. Luann Thompson second the motion, Motion passed.  
Luann Thompson was nominated by Amanda Renius as secretary. Crystal Klebba second the motion, Motion passed.  
Comment was made that officer vacancies must be approved by the township board.
- B. Annual Bylaw Review: None at this time.
- C. AARP Grant: A flyer was passed out about a grant available through AARP. The deadline was very close but it was decided that if it weren't possible for this year we would review the possibility for future review.
- D. A copy of the 2024 Annual Report was distributed for a recap of the year.
- E. Signs to be posted at the trail head leading into the park was discussed and a motion was made to accept the sign example Amanda Renius showed. Crystal Klebba second the motion and the motion was passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES:**

- A. Santa in the park was considered a big success for the first year. The total taken in for pictures and letters from Santa was \$140.00.
- B. No February Meeting
- C. It was suggested that Randy Pett could possibly be an alternative to the board. Amanda will draw up a recommendation for the township.