**MARATHON TOWNSHIP**

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**Minutes of the February 16,2022 Meeting**

**MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

**Dennis Hogan, Chair Dawn Johnson, Vice Chair**

**Betty Moorhouse, Secretary Ron Klocek, Trustee**

**Cassey Mieslik, Trustee Michelle Coultas, Trustee-Absent**

**Amanda Klug, Trustee**

1. **Roll call was taken by Chairman Hogan**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance was said**
3. **Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dawn, supported by Dennis, to accept the agenda as presented.**
4. **Approval of Minutes: Minutes were unavailable.**
5. **Public Comment: None**
6. **Unfinished Business:**
7. **We received approval from MDNR to use the grant funds towards playscape equipment. We have already received a bench and bike racks. A 300 lb. trash receptacle will be delivered soon. We also received a $5,000.00 commitment from Lapeer Optimist Club for the playscape. Dennis has applied for a permit from the Lapeer County Health Department for the bathroom which is expected to be installed in April. Dawn volunteered to contact Bill Lewis about signs and Dennis Harrand for picnic tables and benches to get estimates.**
8. **Fundraising Events: Dawn and Amanda will be meeting with the “timers” on February 23rd to discuss the run and walk fundraiser plans to hold an event on October 15, 2022. A down payment will be needed. Discussion was held regarding the starting points and parking spots. Dennis stated he has spoken with the LCRC who will help by providing barricades for the roads from school to the park on the day of the run. Dennis is also coordinating a disc golf event for this summer at the park.**
9. **DTE: Dennis has been in talks with DTE about providing electricity for the park. Chances look favorable.**
10. **Equipment/Projects: It was estimated that $10,000 to $15,000 for equipment for the park will be needed to complete upcoming projects. Dawn made a motion to request the Marathon Township Board consider allocating 10% of the ARPA funds to be donated to the park fund for a well, additional clearings to be done, picnic tables, storage shed, additional signage and an additional parking lot. Motion was seconded by Dennis Hogan. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.**
11. **Frankenmuth Credit Union: It was discussed if we should apply to Frankenmuth Credit Union for a $25,000 grant now or wait to hear from the Howell family who have expressed an interest in donating funds for a pavilion. Fred suggested that it would not hurt to have a second pavilion. After discussion a motion was made by Dennis Hogan to recommend the Township contract with Lisa Easterwood of Fleiss and VanDerbrink to handle the $25,000 grant application to the Frankenmuth Credit Union. Lisa’s fee would be $950. Motion seconded by Cassie Mieslik. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.**
12. **Shed: Dennis indicated if we get electricity we will need a shed for the meter and breaker box and suggested it could also be used for tool storage. This would be where the electricity would be installed and separate from the pavilion. The Board agreed.**
13. **Flag Pole: Joe Israel, Building Official and Township Zoning Administrator of Marathon Township, would like to donate a flag pole to the park, and in return he will receive a plaque with his name on it.**
14. **Plaques: Dennis will talk to Jim at McComb Monument for cost estimates. We would like to recognize Joe Israel, Lapeer Optimist Club, Lapeer Community Foundation and Frankenmuth Credit Union.**

**New Business:**

1. **By-Laws: Dennis made a motion for our By-Laws to be reviewed. Dawn supported. All ayes, No nays. Motion passed.**
2. **Bottle Money: Dennis announced $100.00 was collected from the bottle donation! Also, a special donation of $100 (in play money) was donated to Dennis for the park by Coraline Moorhouse, Fred and Betty’s 4 year old granddaughter.**

**There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Betty A Moorhouse, Secretary**