**Marathon Township Parks and Recreation Board**

**Regular Meeting of September 21, 2023**

**Marathon Township Park: 5274 Hollenbeck Rd, Columbiaville MI**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dennis Hogan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present were Dennis Hogan, Michelle Coultas, Betty Moorhouse, Cassey Mieslik, Ron Klocek, Crystal Klebba, and Amanda Renius.

Absent were Dawn Johnson and Tiffany Glesenkamp.

Also present was Derek Coultas.

**Approval of Agenda:** M. Coultas moved to accept the agenda. Seconded by B. Moorhouse. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** D.Hogan moved to accept the July 2023 minutes, with the correction of a typo. Seconded by B. Moorhouse. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business: Frankenmuth Credit Union Grant:** An account will be set up in October. The requested items for the grant will be electric hookup for the pavilion, charcoal grills, additional picnic tables and benches, and a bicycle repair station.

**Unfinished Business: Mighty Mac Walk:** Dates will be discussed at a planning meeting later this fall.

**New Business: Master Plan:** A proposal was obtained to update the master plan. D. Hogan moved to request funds from the township board to move forward. Seconded by C. Mieslik.

**New Business: Bicycle:** Although there is a bicycle available for a potential trail patrol, the board decided not to move forward with this option. An attempt will be made to pass on the bicycle to a group who can make use of it.

**New Business: Music:** A board member was approached by a band wishing to play music at the park for free. Discussion ensued related to starting up free “Music in the Park” events. A stage could be constructed at the bottom of the hill at the park.

**New Business: Donation Recognition Kiosk:** An example of a donation recognition kiosk was shown to board members. Individuals and groups who make donations to the park would have their name added to the board. B. Moorhouse moved to move forward with this project. Seconded by D. Hogan.

**New Business: Cheryl Clark Recognition Plaque:** The bench plaque for Cheryl Clark is in poor shape and will be replaced with a new one.

**New Business: Location of Pavilion Recognition Plaques:** The new plaque will be added at the entrance to the pavilion in the same style as other plaques throughout the park.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm by D. Hogan.