

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD AT TOWNSHIP HALL

June 17,2020
Regular meeting
6 p.m. at Township Hall with Zoom option

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Shuff called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Dearborn, Dick Becker, Tom Shuff,
Karen Simmons, Ellen Fitch

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brett Grams – Parks Maintenance
Al Meshkin – Township Supervisor
Jim Hayden – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fitch seconded by Dearborn to approve Feb. 19, 2020, minutes as written. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion by Fitch seconded by Becker to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS – MESHKIN

Meshkin reported the board approved putting the fire millage on the ballot and approved a resolution allowing appeals letters for the Board of Review.

ARTICLE V. STAFF REPORTS

Grams reported that work is underway removing fallen tree and repairing damage at Sanctuary Woods; Grams secured the dock at Farview Park to keep people from using it as a floating raft, commissioners discussed possible fence and cameras at the park; fields mowed at Huyser Park with large blueberry crop expected.

ARTICLE VI. HUYSER CARETAKER REPORT

Discussed above; Meshkin reported that trees are being tagged for the invasive Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) for \$1,550; treatment at Sanctuary Woods.

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. PARKS WELCOMING SIGNS. No report
- B. PARKS MILLAGE DISCUSSION

The commission discussed timing of possible parks millage request and will work with Meshkin on a timeline. Target date would be 1 to 2 years from this November election and groundwork must be complete for a possible quarter mill request. Township needs to communicate with residents.

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Meshkin reminded Parks Commission members they might be on the August primary ballot and to review paperwork. Becker said exit at Sanctuary Woods needs No Parking signs due to poor visibility, Meshkin will contact Allegan County Road Commission about adding appropriate signage. Fitch noted that Laketown Beach is open but the steps are covered with sand. Meshkin noted all parks are busy.

ARTICLE IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

ARTICLE X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dearborn and seconded by Becker to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED