

Coldsprings Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes May 1, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Coldsprings Township Park & Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Committee Members present: Brenda Lambert, Chuck Vernon, Lynnette Cervone, Wendy Corona and Grant Writer: Pam Stuckman. Committee Member not present: Marge Bagnell. Members of the public: 1

Chairperson, Brenda Lambert, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes from the April 3rd meeting passed with a motion by Chuck, support by Lynnette and then unanimous approval by the committee.

Review of Correspondence:

Correspondence this month consisted of a letter from the DNR stating they had received the committee's 2012 MDNR Passport application. There were 82 applications sent in for that grant.

The committee also submitted the site plans for the current 2011 MDNR Passport grant to the DNR.

A bill was received from Anderson & Crain for \$2,755 for services to date. Two options for additional boat parking were also submitted to the committee by Bill Crain.

Old Business

Encroachment update:

Still pending; no further action has been taken as of the last meeting.

Donation Post update:

Proceeds for the month of April were \$3.04.

Grant application update:

As of April 30, 2012 both the House and the Senate have approved bill #5364 which is the MNRTF grant. The committee is still waiting written approval from the state on this grant.

MDNR Passport Grant Application:

The 2012 MDNR Passport Grant was sent in by the committee and received by the DNR. This grant application is one of 82 applicants.

Local businesses grants or sponsorship update:

The committee has not heard anything from TransCanada regarding the 2011 grant application. Pam Stuckman will be writing a letter to TransCanada prior to the next committee meeting.

Pam updated the committee on the 2012 grants provided by TransCanada, Home Depot and Lowes. All three have changed their focus, thus disqualifying Coldsprings Township from applying.

Five Year Park and Recreation Plan – Review for Approval:

The committee reviewed and revised the plan. Comment from the public was positive, calling the five year plan “extraordinary and well written”.

A motion by Lynnette to approve the changes and recommend the plan to the Township Board for approval or denial was supported by Chuck with unanimous approval by the committee.

New Business

Progress on the 2011 Passport Grant:

Brenda reiterated the site plans were sent in to the DNR for approval.

Utilization of Volunteers for Future Grants:

In the Five Year Park and Recreation Plan a section was added to include a volunteer program. The objective is to utilize volunteer groups with the assembly of picnic tables for the new picnic shelter, replacement of the wooden fence along the top of the ridge, rebuilding the three sets of steps leading from the ridge to the water’s edge, assembly of the maintenance shed, and the creation of the nature trail.

To promote the use of volunteers, a letter of support will be required by these groups. An outline of what the letter should consist of will be available by the next meeting for disbursement to these possible groups.

The committee will continue to contact volunteer groups and request their assistance with the above projects.

Next Agenda – Continue to update agenda items through completion

- Encroachment update
- Donation Post update
- Grant application update
 - 2011 MNRTF Grant
 - 2012 MDNR Passport Grant
- Local businesses grants or sponsorship update
- Progress on the 2011 Passport Grant
- Volunteer Update
- Rotary Charities

Other Business – Chuck suggested Sands Park parking lot be sealed prior to the striping of the lot. The committee agreed the striping and possible sealing should be completed at the very end of the project once the large trucks have completed their work.

Public Comment – “Extraordinary work” on the Five Year Park and Recreation Plan was the comment from the public.
Meeting Adjourned: at 8:27 p.m.

Coldsprings Township Grant Applications

Matching Funds	Grant	Requested Amount	% Matching Funds	Match Amount	Status
MNRTF	Restroom, Picnic Shelter, Path, Water Pump	\$47,000	50%	\$44,000	Approved
MDNR	Playground equipment	\$25,000	25%	\$11,500	Approved
NWMCOG	Nature Trails/Signage	\$10,000	50%	\$10,000	Denied
Consumers Energy	Playground equipment	\$10,000	50%	\$10,000	
BCI Burke	Playground		50%		
MDNR 2012 Passport	Playground equipment	\$25,000	40%	\$14,400	
Total Grants requiring matching funds		\$117,000		\$89,900	

Not requiring matching funds

Home Depot	Fence	\$500			No Response
Lowes Charitable Foundation	Fence	\$5,000			No Response
Nike Foundation	Playground surfacing	\$10,000			Denied
Carls Foundation	Playground equipment	\$5,000			No Response
Chase Foundation	Stairs	\$15,000			Denied
Shell	Pathways/Accessibility	\$5,000			Denied
Kellogg Foundation	Playground equipment				Denied
Dr Pepper Snapple Group	Playground construction	\$15,000			No Response
TransCanada	Fishing Pier/Boardwalk	\$15,000			No Response

Future Grant applications

				Due Date
Captain Planet				1-May-12
Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation	Nature Trail/Fitness Equipment/Interpretive Signs	\$6,000		No deadline
Nike	Surfacing/Sports Equipment			15-Nov-12
Boundless Playgrounds	Tot Lot Equipment			No deadline
Miracle Play Equipment	Tot Lot Equipment		75% Discount	No deadline