

Coldsprings Township

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Coldsprings Township Park & Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Committee Members present: Brenda Lambert, Chuck Vernon, Lynnette Cervone, Marge Bagnell, Wayne Jonker and Grant Writer: Pam Stuckman. Members of the public: 2, Bob Bunker, CETA Trustee-at-large and Don Smith, owner of D.J.R.K. Maple Syrup Company.

Chairperson, Brenda Lambert, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Minutes from the July 2nd meeting passed with a motion by Lynnette, support by Chuck and then unanimous approval by the committee. The agenda was also approved as amended with the addition under New Business – Public Hearing on the MNRTF with a motion by Lynnette, support by Chuck and then unanimously approved by the committee.

Review of Correspondence – No new correspondence.

Old Business

Encroachment update – No new information had been received for the month of June.

Donation Post update – Donations for the month of July were \$8.35.

Progress on approved Grants - 2011 MNRTF Grant – We are close to completion on this grant. Still pending is one payment to the contractor for work already completed. Once the job site is approved by the engineer and all details have been completed to the DNR specifications this project will come to a close. A Lessons Learned will be completed at the September meeting. **Risk Reduction Grant Program** – The cameras are scheduled for installation on August 12 & 13, 2013. Delay of power to the pavilion caused a delay in the installation of the cameras which then required the committee to seek an extension for this grant.

Local businesses grants or sponsorship update — The 2011 \$1,000 Grant received from **TransCanada** have been used for the Pathway/Foliage. The fibar pathway has been completed. The pathway is accentuated with foliage and rocks adding beauty to the pathway. A special thanks to Tommy's Toys for the donation of the rocks. The work for this grant is complete. **2012 TransCanada Grant for the picnic tables** – The picnic tables have been assembled and placed in the pavilion. The work for this grant is complete. **2013 PAR Plan RRGF Grant** – Correspondence for this grant has been received and unfortunately the Township did not receive this grant. The committee agreed to temporarily repair the fence rails and re-apply for the 2014 PAR Plan RRGF Grant. The committee also discussed pursuing the 2014 Passport Grant for a boardwalk and fishing pier. Pam suggested possibly pursuing a grant to meet the 25% financial requirement from the Township. The committee will continue to research these opportunities.

New grant applications – Both the 2013 MNRTF and the 2013 MDNR Passport Grants have been submitted. The committee is now waiting for the results which will not be made public until October/November for the Passport Grant and December for the MNRTF Grant.

Ice Cream Donation for Renovation Celebration – The committee reviewed the responsibility matrix and will continue to work on the Renovation Celebration scheduled for August 17, 2013.

New Business – Public Hearing on MNRTF – Wayne and Chuck shared information they gleaned from the public hearing they attended in July.

Other Business – Boat Parking – The parking lot is paved and striping will be completed by the end of the week. Additional signs were discussed for the boat parking area and possibly an additional ordinance sign near the restroom.

Next Agenda – Continue to update agenda items through completion

- Encroachment update
- Donation Post update
- Progress on Approved Grants
 - 2011 MNRTF Grant – Lessons Learned
 - Risk Reduction Grant Program - Cameras
- Local business grants or sponsorship update
 - 2014 Passport Grant Application
 - 2014 PAR Plan RRGF Grant
- Grant Application Updates
 - 2013 MNRTF Grant
 - 2013 MDNR Passport Grant
- Renovation Celebration - Review
- New Business
- Other Business – Boat Parking Update

Public Comment – Bob Bunker complimented the committee on the work at Sands Park. He suggested the committee look into possibly lining the pavilion with hardware cloth to deter the birds from nesting above the eating area. Chuck suggested using a material that is pointed so birds cannot perch. The committee thanked Bob for the suggestion and will look into this further. Don Smith asked when the committee comes to take the dogwoods he also has myrtle that can be removed and replanted at the park.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. with a motion by Marge, support by Chuck and then unanimous approval by the committee.

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
MDNR 2013 Passport	Play Structures for 2 – 5 & 5 – 12 year olds	\$38,610	25%	\$12,870	Pending
MNRTF 2013	Play Structures for 2 – 5 & 5 – 12 year olds	\$30,888	40%	\$20,592	Pending
Future Grant applications					Due Date
Risk Reduction grant program	Security	\$5,000			Approved
TransCanada	Pathway	\$1,000			Approved
TransCanada	Picnic Tables	\$2,000			Approved
2013 PAR Plan Grant	Fencing	\$5,000			Denied