

Coldsprings Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes October 01, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Coldsprings Township Park & Recreation Committee was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013. Committee Members present: Brenda Lambert, Chuck Vernon, Marge Bagnell, and Wayne Jonker. Members absent: Lynnette Cervone and Grant Writer: Pam Stuckman. Members of the public: 0.

Chairperson, Brenda Lambert, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Minutes from the September 3rd meeting passed with a motion by Marge, support by Chuck and unanimous approval by the committee. The agenda was also approved with a motion by Wayne, support by Chuck and then unanimously approved by the committee.

Review of Correspondence – No new correspondence.

Old Business

Encroachment update – No new updates. Since the Township supervisor was absent from the township meeting last month, Brenda will inform him about her conversation with Michael Edwards in August. The suggestion from the lawyer was to inform the two property owners of the encroachment issue via a certified letter to alleviate any issues that may occur in the future.

Donation Post update – Donations for the month of August were \$32.38.

Progress on approved Grants - 2011 MNRTF Grant – All of the paperwork has been completed and sent to the MDNR and we are now waiting for re-imburement.

Local businesses grants or sponsorship update — AT & T Grant Pam was not present, so we have no updates for this program

New grant applications – The grant evaluations were received for the 2013 MNRTF and the 2013 MDNR Passport Grants. We were 1 of 142 applications received for the Trust Fund Grant and we received a total of 265 points out of a possible 530. We were 1 of 87 applications received for the Passport Grant and we received 155 points out of a possible 200. Now we are waiting to see if we get either grant.

2014 MNRTF & Passport Grant Application – The group discussed applying for these grants for the fencing, stairs and possibly a boardwalk and pier down by the water. Chuck spoke with John Gingras from Compass Fence and discussed prices for different fence materials including; treated lumber, oak lumber, or vinyl fencing. After much discussion, it was recommended that we stay with the split rail fence because of the cost and longevity of the materials. We will continue to pursue the grant process for this project. This will be addressed with the Township Board.

New Business – A special meeting will be held at the Township Hall on Wed, October 9th, at 7:00 to receive the \$5,000.00 Grant from The Township Participating Plan for the Camera system.

Other Business –Picnic Tables –Brenda has been in contact with Monica Potticary from School Outfitters regarding the table issue. Monica has stated that the manufacturer

will provide us with braces to install on the tables to keep them from tipping. School Outfitters will take care of the cost of the parts and she has also requested that we receive a \$500.00 refund for all of our troubles.

Hand Sanitizers – It was suggested by several park users that we get hand sanitizing soap for the restrooms at Sands Park. Marge spoke with GT Packaging about prices for Hand Sanitizer dispensers and soap. She was told that if we purchased the dispenser from them, we would receive free sanitizer re-fills for the life of the dispenser. She spoke with 2 personnel just to be sure that information was correct. She will contact them again, just to re-verify that information, and if correct, with Township Board approval, we will purchase 3 of the units with the money donated for park renovations. The dispensers cost \$40.00 each. We will continue to look into this.

Internet Service - Discussion was held about internet service being needed to enable us to view the cameras off site. Brenda had contacted Charter and COLI in the past. Charters fees were high, with no discount for the township and she received no call back from COLI. Wayne said he will contact COLI and a new service called WEKE to see what they can do.

Horseshoe Pits – Brenda recommended installing horse shoe pits at the Park to give park users another form of recreation. She stated that they have them at Palmer Park and are well used during picnics, re-unions, etc. We would provide the pits and stakes only, not the shoes. Discussion followed. It was decided to look at prices and possibly use funding from the renovation donations to install them. Wayne also stated that he spoke with an acquaintance who would like to donate something to the park so Wayne will contact him and see if he is interested in providing materials for the pits. Brenda will recommend this project to the township board for approval.

Next Agenda – Continue to update agenda items through completion

- Encroachment update
- Donation Post update
- Progress on Approved Grants
 - 2011 MNRTF Grant – Reimbursement
- Local business grants or sponsorship update
 - AT&T Grant
- Grant Application Updates
 - 2013 MNRTF Grant
 - 2013 MDNR Passport Grant
 - 2014 Passport Grant Application - Fence, Steps, Boardwalk
 - 2014 MNRTF Grant Application - Fence, Steps, Boardwalk
- New Business
- Other Business
 - Picnic Tables
 - Hand Sanitizer Units
 - Internet Service
 - Horseshoe Pits

Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. with a motion by Marge, support by Wayne 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	Complete
MDNR	Playground equipment	\$25,000	25%	\$11,500	Complete
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			Complete
TransCanada	Pathway	\$1,000			Complete
TransCanada	Picnic Tables	\$2,000			Complete
2013 PAR Plan Grant	Fencing	\$5,000			Denied