

Coldsprings Township

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Coldsprings Twp P&R Committee was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Committee Members present: Brenda Lambert, Chuck Vernon, Ruth Langkawel, Marge Bagnell and Wendy Corona. Ad Hoc Member Skip Bagnell was present. Pam Stuckman - grant writer, was present. Members of the public: 1.

Chairperson Brenda Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of minutes for previous meeting passed unanimously - as written.

Public Comments for items not on the agenda: none

Review of Correspondence:

- a) Michael Edwards has notified us that a Quiet Title Suit for Sands Park will proceed this week, and that the Articles of Association of Kalkaska Farmers Picnic Association reveal that it formed in 1917, and under it's own terms it expired after 30 years.
- b) Brenda asked the Township Board to provide the Parks & Recreation Committee with a blanket approval letter providing permission for the Committee to apply for all grants that the Committee deems beneficial for the Parks & Recreation programs that do not require matching funds. The Board agreed to supply that permission. Grant applications that do require matching funds continue to need specific Board approval.
- c) DNR notified us that they have received our 2011 Recreation Passport Program grant application. That it is one of 50 applications, and that it was administratively complete.

Old Business:

- a) Sands Park Title Search - refer to correspondence item a. No action will be taken on encroachment issues until we have Quiet Title.
- b) Donations post - Chuck has it built, painted and ready to install. Location was chosen and marked during the Committee's on site visit to Sands Park Brenda showed the completed sign, and provided it to Chuck to be installed on the donations post.
- c) Grant applications update - refer to Correspondence item c. Pam Stuckman reported that some of the grant application authorities have delayed processing the applications because they did not recognize Coldsprings Township Parks and Recreation Committee as having a tax exempt status. She is asking the IRS to provide a letter verifying the status.

New Business:

- a) The committee reviewed several park equipment catalogs to begin the process of selecting equipment for Sands Park.
- b) During the on site segment of the meeting, trees were selected and marked for removal; several impediments were marked for mitigation; general layout of improvements were discussed; and location of the donations post was selected and marked.

Next Agenda: Continue to update agenda items through completion; continue review catalogs & select equipment for play areas at Sands Park.

Other Business:

Ruth Langkawel relayed a message from the Kankaska County Economic Development Committee (EDC) that they are pleased with the Coldsprings Township Parks & Recreation Five Year Plan, and sincerely offer any support or assistance within their power to provide to the Parks & Recreation Committee. The committee agreed to have Ruth ask the EDC for a letter of support that can accompany grant applications. Ruth also relayed an invitation from the EDC for interested local residents to apply for the open position on the EDC. They would like to see representation from this area on their committee.

Public Comment:

none

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm, reconvened at Sands Park at 7:55 pm and adjourned at 8:45 pm