

**LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
May 30, 2013**

MEETING NOTES

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting started at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Those in attendance were: John Cartwright, Keith Johnson, Larry Vanderburg, Jim Saunby, Dave Garvin, Mark Cerny, Leslie Sickterman, Karen Rosa and Trish Mehney.

I reported that the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy Preservation Celebration will be held on Thursday, July 18th at the Timers Property from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm, mark your calendars!! This celebration is open to the public so please mention it to as many people as you can. Also, shared the information regarding the Water Shed Center receiving a grant to monitor Taylor and Gilbert Parks for e-coli this summer starting on June 5th and running through August 28th. They will post signs at the beaches if needed.

Karen, Jim & I met with Charlie Conville on Tuesday, May 28th at Gilbert Park to hear his concerns and discuss any possible solutions. We discussed the idea of adding more dock sections to try to alleviate the issue of boats "parking" at the beach for extended periods and not adhering to the 15 minutes that are posted on the signs. I asked the committee for input regarding this and they said at this time they feel the expense for adding additional docking would out way the benefits and would not completely address Charlie's concerns. They have decided that we will continue to monitor these issues.

Reports from Parks: Larry is working on the trail off of Tucker road and mentioned that he will need approx 10 yards of rocks to fix/connect the trail leading to the cabin & open field. At this time the trail goes onto the adjacent property but he believes he can remedy this issue by using these rocks to build up this area on our property. Jim & Larry will be setting up a time to remove some fallen trees to open up the rest of this trail. Larry is heading up a group to clear some trees at the top of the hill on Tucker road in order to create some parking in this location. We will have Brayton's gravel this parking area as soon as it is ready. If you are available to help please contact Larry at lar4@earthlink.net. We will also be placing some signs at this location for parking and the entrance to the park. Leslie spoke with Robin at the Conservancy about the map for the kiosk off of Cedar Run. Robin said she hoped to have this map finished next week. We will get in touch with Ben Purdy to see what the status on our trail markers are.

Mark Cerny will be placing some of our red "hiker" signs on the trees at Fishers Run. Jim will be updating some of the signage at the entrance of Fisher's Run. We also need better signage and possibly some trail markers at Bullhead Lake. Jim Saunby will be placing some signage off Bass Lake Rd for the entrance to South Long Lake Natural areas down Luhrs trail. I will contact the Road Commission to be sure we can place a sign on Bass Lake Rd.

John Cartwright asked about the status on the corner at Haywood Park. At this time we are discussing possible extra parking and some picnic tables in this area. Staff will work on a sketch.

Leslie Sickterman shared the survey comments that pertain to the Parks from the survey done for the Township Master Plan. She will keep the committee informed of when the workshops will be this summer to discuss this information.

We adjourned at 5:10 p.m. with no further meetings scheduled at this time.

Thank you,
Trish Mehney