

LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014
4:00 P.M.

MEETING NOTES

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

Those in attendance were: Larry Vanderburg, Pete Zirnhelt, Ray Niergarth, John Cartwright, Charlie Conville, Jim Saunby, Mark Cerny, and Karen Rosa, acting Chair.

MARINE PATROL, QUESTION/ANSWERS

Deputy Reister, Supervisor for the Recreational Vehicle Division of the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office was present to answer questions regarding water safety and boating safety etc. The Marine Division spends more time on Long Lake than any other lake. They do 10 hr. shifts. They are on the lake every day. They may be on the lake for a time, leave and then return for another round. If anyone has a complaint an MC number is helpful but a good description also works. Call 911 not the non-emergency number. The boat may be in the area and can get to the site quickly with a 911 call. The Department is giving out Safety Inspection Stickers that you place on your boat showing that you have been inspected and they probably won't stop you again. Any person legal to drive a boat can legally drive and drink. The legal limit to drive a boat is .10 and the legal limit to drive a car is .08. The effort to change this law has been fruitless. It is legal to land and take off on a seaplane on the water. The Department will pick up boats and dock sections that have floated off. Just call them. They put a value on them and keep them for 6 months. If it has an MC number they will try to contact the person. Charlie Conville stated that the two biggest problems that he sees at Gilbert Park is:

- 1) Boat Launch Site and Beach being together at one location.
- 2) Lack of Rental Boaters Safety Rules.

Another concern is when boats start to stack up there should be some encouragement to use the islands.

The Deputy said he would talk to the rental places to make sure they are reviewing the rules. Jim suggested putting the new Boating Safety booklets in the plastics sleeves at both boat launches.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED SNOW GROOMER FOR PARKS

Pete Zirnhelt handed out a partial list of commercial customers that use the SNO-MASTER Groomer that he is recommending. He knew that Trish was doing some research. Pete reported that if we were going to groom the trails on South Long Lake Forest that some trail work will need to be done prior. We also talked about getting gravel to fill the low areas.

UPDATE ON PLAN TO VISIT PARKS

It was decided to contact the head people of the parks and come up with a couple of dates that they might want to give the tour. Each park will act independently. Contact people by e-mail. It was decided that a list of all park committee members should be sent to everyone with the e-mail address so contact can be made. Those interested will contact the lead person if they wish to go on the tour.

WAIVER FORMS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Waiver forms were made available to everyone at the meeting. If you have not filled one out please contact Trish Mehney to do so.

UPDATE ON TIMBERS PROPERTY

The fundraising continues for the Timbers Property. They are getting close to their goal.

POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR 2014/1015

Larry asked if it was okay to get products for stabilization on trails for Cedar Run Creek. There is money in the budget for those types of projects and to get back with us with an estimate.

I reported on:

Gilbert Park will be treated for Eurasian Water Milfoil on Thursday, June 26, 2014 and Gilbert Park. Park will be closed for 24 hours.

We have received quotes for the engineering for Haywood Park paving in the back and the corner lot parking and pathway to the playing fields.

Cedar Run Creek, directional signs are here and he will put them up next week.

Pickle Ball Court, The quote is in for the striping and has been approved.

Restroom at Haywood, if you haven't check out the renovation you are encouraged to do so.

Tucker Road Parking, Waiting to hear from the Grant written. Will Benzie County improve Tucker Road? A question that needs to be asked to the Benzie County Road Commission.

Cedar Run Creek, discussion of whether we allow horses on the trails in Cedar Run Creek. There

Is a possible rezoning on a property on Cedar Lake Road for riding stables.

OTHER TOPICS

It was suggested that a copy of the action plan from the Parks and Rec. plan be available to take on the Park Tours, plus the names, addresses and e-mail addresses be available also.

Karen J. Rosa, Acting Chair