

Williamstown Township Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes Township Community Park, Wednesday, 13th June 2007

Attendance: Jerry Fulcher, Christine Nilsson; Howard Dahlstrom; Betty Challis

Pavilion: Howard handed out a proposal, from Frans, for a 30x40 picnic pavilion. This proposal is from Wilbrink & Sons Construction and features a metal roof and brick support posts. The price quoted is \$44,360.00. This quote followed the design of the pavilion in Perry.

After some discussion, it was decided that before we accept this proposal we would pursue another quote using the same materials etc. It was agreed that we would ask Frans to contact O'Neil Construction in Webberville for a comparison quote.

Well: Jerry handed out copies of the total breakdown of the well project. This showed a total cost of \$31,061.20 of which \$23,867.38 was donated. The expected cost to the Township would be \$7,193.82. Jerry explained that the electrician had had a problem with wiring which resulted in a further cost of \$1500. The well project was expected to be completed in about two weeks.

Donor Sign: Jerry is working on a donor appreciation sign to be fixed to the wall of the equipment shed. The sign, estimated to cost between \$150-180, will list all the donors and volunteers to this project.

Girl Scout Project: Members noted that this landscaping project had been completed quite successfully without any supervision.. Jerry had hoped that someone from the committee could oversee the work, however, because of the holiday weekend this was not possible.

Nature Walk: Jan reported that no-one took advantage of this activity. We agreed to compensate Jim McGrath \$40 for his time. We agreed to hold further discussion regarding a fall nature walk this time using committee members as leaders.

Baseball Fields Howard reported that the Township Trustees had awarded Dan Demitroff's baseball fields project \$1000 towards development of two fields on the east side of the parking lot. This project is moving forward with one field already being used.

Skate Park: Responding to a suggestion made at our March 07 meeting by Rick Williams, Jerry reported that the skate park in Lansing near Frandor cost approximately \$400,000.00 to develop. Committee members decided against pursuing this venture.

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Kiosk Improvements: Members noted the addition of many bird identification pictures on two sides of the kiosk. All agreed these were a great idea. It was also noted that the walking tour brochure box had been replenished.

Vandalism: We noted that the damage done to the field; the side of the hill and the beginning of the trail had not been addressed. We should record that as we walked back to see the damage, one of us stepped into a large rut and nearly had a nasty fall. Howard said that charges have been filed against the driver of the truck.

Well site cleanup: We visited the equipment shed and noted that the area around the east side had been seeded but is unsatisfactory. The ground close to the shed and landscaping needs grading, tidying up and reseeding and the wet area further east needs to be filled.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11th July 2007 at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

Agenda Items: Pavilion – further discussion
Well project final report and sign update
Parking lot development discussion
Fall Nature walk

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Approved by:

Jerry Fulcher