

DELHI TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 10, 2021

The Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, in the Zoom Meeting on line program. Meeting called to order by Dennis Fulk at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Leonard, Steve Warfield, Paul Dykema, Dennis Fulk, Sue Lierman, and Phil Knapman

Members Absent: Ray King

Others Present: Mark Jenks, Parks and Recreation Director

Comments from the Public

None

Set/Adjust Agenda

None

Unfinished Business

None

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2021
- b) Claims January 12, 2021 for \$13,346.92
- c) Claims January 26, 2021 for \$13,224.51

Motion by Lierman, supported by Knapman, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

New Business

Public Input on 2021 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Opportunities for Kiwanis Park Tennis Courts & Valhalla Park East Restrooms

Director Jenks gave an overview of the grant opportunities with the Michigan Department of Natural Resource (MDNR). The Township is considering applying to the Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Each grant has a different scoring criteria and percentage of match required. In previous years, the MDNR has suggested that the Township apply for all grant opportunities in hopes of being successful in at least one.

Bob Ford of Landscape Architects and Planners gave details on the Valhalla Park Restroom. The restroom will be a block building with an awning and space for two picnic tables. The project total cost estimate is \$261,967.50. Commissioner Knapman questioned the need for a picnic table area. Commissioner Warfield spoke in favor of keeping the overhang in the design at this time as a shelter for participants and viewers during thunderstorms.

Bob Ford then gave details on the Kiwanis Park Tennis Court project. The current courts were built in 1996 and have been resurfaced two times during that period. The project would include removal of the existing surface, making needed additions to the base material, re-asphalting, applying tennis court surfacing & lining, and net post. The renovation would include converting some existing courts to pickle ball courts. Commissioner Warfield spoke in favor of having some of the courts converted to pickle ball.

Cost estimate for the project is \$482,491.00.

Matt Lennox a resident and user of the courts spoke in favor of the renovations. He did indicate that the USTA gives out grants as well for tennis court improvements. He also indicated that he was concerned about converting existing courts to pickle ball, although, he does feel we need pickle ball courts.

Paul Dykema, President of the Kiwanis Club of Holt expressed that the Kiwanis Club of Holt is supportive of this project. The park land was donated to the township for a park in the 1960's by a club member. The club is supportive of improvements to the park.

March 2, 2021 will be the public hearing before the township board. If the township board support's the application, it will be submitted to the State of Michigan.

Items Removed From Consent Agenda For Discussion

None

Late Agenda Items

None

Reports

Director_ - None

Commissioners - None

Limited Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm by Warfield, supported by Knapman. Motion carried.

Dennis Fulk, Chairperson