

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2019 REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., ROSELLE PARK, MEETING ROOM
1010 GRAND RIVER DR NE, ADA, MICHIGAN**

1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Present: Jacobs, Levick, Steketee, Schmottlach, Haga, Nowak, Crosby, Roe, Terwilliger, Damstra,
Absent: VandenBerge
Staff Present: Fitzpatrick, Ferro, McCormick, Ergang & Verhulst
Public Present: None

2. Approval of agenda

Terwilliger moved to approve agenda as presented. Haga supported. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Election of Officers.

Levick agreed to Vice-Chair and Schmottlach agreed to Chair.

Terwilliger moved, Haga supported to select Schmottlach as Chair and Levick as Vice-chair, Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of minutes of the May 9th, 2019 meeting

Terwilliger moved to approve the minutes as presented, Schmottlach supported. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Opportunity to Acquire Tax-Reverted Property from Kent County Treasurer, 2952 Pettis Ave.

Ferro presented information about the property and Stewardship Committee review. Maps and aerial photos were shown. Ferro noted that Kent County is giving Ada Township the first right to purchase for the back-taxes price of approximately \$4,453.00.

Terwilliger moved to not purchase the property for parks, recreation and land preservation purposes, Jacobs supported. Motion carried unanimously. Follow up for recommendation to the Township Board of Trustees not to purchase the property.

6. Request from Jeff Engler, owner of property at 8066 East Fulton St., to acquire a portion of preserved open space of property at 7980 East Fulton St.

Ferro presented information about the property and Stewardship Committee review. Maps and aerial photos were shown. Discussion and questions included: protocol for private versus public sale; selling a part of the parcel; potential sale price; restrictions to go on the deed; and the options of “swapping” sections of property.

Terwilliger moved to investigate answers to the above questions including a review by legal counsel before any action is taken, Damstra supported. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Committee Reports

Rules Committee – Fitzpatrick presented an update. Members identified as: Roe, Jacobs, Terwilliger, Haga. Meeting date to be set to revise/update general park rules.

Park Facilities and Recreation Program Committee – Fitzpatrick presented an update. Members identified as: McCormick, Levick, Terwilliger, Haga and Schmottlach. Fitzpatrick to set up a meeting date.

Trails Committee – Ferro presented an update and report on the activities of the Trail Committee. Activities include planning for the millage renewal in 2020 and future trail Network expansion.

8. Park Director’s Report

Fitzpatrick presented highlights of his printed report.

9. Board Member Comment

Crosby asked about getting caution signs for the Roselle Park driveways, Fitzpatrick to look into them. Levick was wondering if all the names for all committees/board members would be in the next newsletter or on the website.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk

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