

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY OCTOBER 14, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., ROSELLE MEETING ROOM
1010 GRAND RIVER DR., ADA 49301**

1. Call meeting to order/roll call

Present: Leisman, Crosby, Roe, Stekete, Winczewski, Terwilliger, Schmottlach, VandenBerge and Levick

Absent: Jacobs, Damstra,

Staff Present: Fitzpatrick, McCormick, Suchy, Iglesias **Absent:** Ergang

Public Present: Consultant Tiffany Smith from MCSA Group

2. Approval of agenda

Terwilliger recommended skipping the Committee reports and Director's report to allow for more time for the PRLP Plan review with the MCSA Group. Crosby moved, Roe supported, to approve the agenda as adjusted. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes from September 9th, 2021

Leisman moved, Winczewski supported, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

4. PRLP 5-year Rec Plan Status Update and Work Session

- Mark provided a brief overview of the status of the process for updating the PRLP Plan and introduced Tiffany Smith, the lead consultant from the MCSA Group.
- Tiffany went over what is currently in the draft for the inventory to go in the Plan. Discussion and recommendations revolved around whether to include school facilities and other facilities not owned by Ada Township.
- Tiffany presented a Needs & Deficiencies chart based on national standards and explained that it is a requirement within the Plan. Discussions here also included recommendations about including facilities not owned by Ada Township. Tiffany was to follow up on how these charts were made.
- Mark provided everyone with a hard copy of the past Goals & Objectives for review. Discussion was about everyone reviewing them and sending in comments to Mark. Each Committee was to also to review them.
- Mark noted the public input sessions and requested everyone to participate and help promote community participation. Upcoming events included the on-line survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/adaparks, and two on-person sessions: October 27 at the Ada Library 4:00-6:00 pm., November 3 at Roselle Park 4:00-6:00 pm.
- Discussion continued about the status and progress of each Committee, needs for upcoming meetings and tasks to be worked on.

5. Committee Report and updates

- **Stewardship Committee** – no meeting held or report – comments included focusing on conservation easements, goals and objectives and Jim Ferro potentially joining the Committee.
- **Programs & Facilities Committee** – no meeting held or report – comments include the need to meet, and to review recreation programs and services.
- **Trails Committee** – Jeff provided an update in the packet.

6. Directors Report

- A full discussion was delayed as the agenda was adjusted.
- Fitzpatrick referred everyone to the report in the board packet.
- Fitzpatrick comment on the Public Input process and encouraged everyone to take the survey, promote it and to attend one of the in-person sessions.
- Fitzpatrick note that Rob McCormick will be leaving October 31 for the winter and thanked him for all his hard work this year.

9. Board Member Comment

Some members had to leave but others stayed to discuss some of the potential development ideas for the PRLP Plan. Some took time to talk with Tiffany the Consultant.

10. Public Comment

Tiffany from the NSCA Group thanked everyone for their help and time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk