



**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., ROSELLE MEETING ROOM
1010 GRAND RIVER DR., ADA 49301**

- 1. Call meeting to order/roll call**
Present: Leisman, Jacobs, Crosby, Steketee, Winczewski, and Terwilliger.
Absent: VandenBerge, Levick, Schmottlach, Roe
Staff Present: Fitzpatrick, Smith, Said and Suchy
Public Present: None
- 2. Approval of agenda**
Moved by Jacobs, supported by Leisman, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of minutes from January 13, 2022**
Moved by Crosby, supported by Jacobs, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, correcting several typos in Paragraph #8, on Page 2, including “how,” on line 6, “eliminating the “the” on line 9, and “out” in Paragraph 12. Motion carried.
- 4. Update on PRLP Advisory Board members and terms**
Fitzpatrick explained that Wayman Britt is appointed as a new member and Dan Hurwitz is replacing Catherine Jacobs. No action was taken. Fitzpatrick thanked Jacobs for her service on the advisory board.
- 5. Update on PRLP Community Recreation Plan**
Fitzpatrick gave an update on the PRLP Community Recreation Plan.
- 6. FY 22-23 Budget and 2022-2028 CIP**
Manager Suchy gave an update on budget information, with changes in the way parks staff are charged in the budget. He also stated the parks are losing money every year and the possibility of raising the parks millage.
- 7. RJM Design Proposal for administration of the construction phase of the Leonard Field Riverfront Improvement Project**
The proposal for administration of the construction phase of the Leonard Field Riverfront Improvement Project was explained.
- 8. Update on Gypsy Moth suppression initiative**
Manager Suchy explained that it is proposed to spray 2,900 acres in this year at a cost to the township, with consideration of an assessment or some other method of paying in future years.
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - a. Stewardship**
Betty Jo Crosby stated land preservation has been very quiet and that we need to talk to property owners and be more proactive.
 - b. Programs and Facilities**
Terwilliger mentioned the needs regarding the park office and maintenance building.

c. **Trails**

Suchy stated there is work towards the Pettis Avenue trail.

10. **Staff Comments and Reports**

a. **Planner**

Suchy noted that we are beginning the master plan process. There is also some action regarding the Fase Street property.

b. **Parks Director**

Interviews are being held for the administrative assistant position. The Roselle parking project is also underway.

c. **Manager**

11. **Board Member Comment**

Leisman mentioned the difficulty with board meetings being held in the dark. Crosby commented on the West Michigan Community Bank in regards to Beers at the Bridge. Terwilliger commented on the proposed Social District.

12. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

11. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk

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