

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY APRIL 08, 2021 REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A.M., ZOOM MEETING  
1010 GRAND RIVER DR., ADA 49301**

**1. Call meeting to order/roll call**

**Present:** Terwilliger, Damstra, Steketee, Levick, Roe, Jacobs, Winczewski, Leisman, VandenBerge

**Absent:** Schmottlach, Crosby

**Staff Present:** Ferro, Fitzpatrick, Ergang, Buckley, Suchy, McCormick

**Public Present:** None

**2. Approval of agenda**

Terwilliger moved, Roe supported, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote 9-0.

**3. Approval of minutes from February 11, 2021 (no quorum for March).**

Terwilliger moved, Jacobs supported, to approve the minutes with changes. Motion carried with a roll call vote 9-0.

**4. PRLP Advisory Board terms update; nominations & selection of Chair and Vice Chair –**

Fitzpatrick stated that Suchy and Leisman updated the terms for all board members. Fitzpatrick asked everyone to review the board members contact list for any errors or updates. Nomination for Chair Terwilliger and Vice Chair Schmottlach. Leisman moved, Damstra supported, to approve of the nomination for chair & vice chair. Motion carried with a roll call vote 9-0.

**5. Recommendation for payment of Kent County on Chief Hazy Cloud Park grant match**

Ferro updated that the county was close to closing on the property acquisitions and that we were waiting for final documentation and an invoice amount. Fitzpatrick said we had budgeted \$400,000 and would like the board to approved a payment up to \$400,000 now so this ready when the invoice comes in and it is taken to the Township Board.

Leisman moved, Steketee supported, to approve the amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the Chief Hazy Cloud Park. Motion carried with a roll call vote 9-0.

**6. Update on the major projects:**

- **Leonard Field Park Ballfield Lighting Improvements** – Fitzpatrick gave an update that Airport Lighting, LLC will be installing all new LED lights around the field. Parking lot will be closed until finish, walk/bike trails are still open. Should be back open at the end of the month.
- **Leonard Field Park Riverfront Improvements – LWCF Grant application** – Fitzpatrick updated that the grant application had been submitted to the MI DNR. Also, that we are working with a consulting firm to conduct an archeological survey of the site which is a SKPO requirement of the application.
- **Roselle Park – Shelter, Picnic area, parking lot** – Fitzpatrick said that OCBA contract had been adjusted to move the construction phase into one year, 2022.

**7. Committee Report and updates**

- a. **Stewardship Committee** —Fitzpatrick reported that the committee met and the minutes in the packet. Outcomes were for the committee to focus on conservation easements and education initiatives. The next meeting was set for April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. **Facilities/Program Committee** – No updates. A meeting is to be set up.
- c. **Trails / Connect Ada Committee**– Leisman provided an update on the revision of the trail committee and primary roles, Jeff VandenBerge as the Chair. Suchy provided an update on the work underway to define projects for 2021 and future trail projects.

**8. Directors Report** – Fitzpatrick provided a few highlights from his report:

- 3 open positions are now posted and interviews will begin soon.
- COVID updates are now allowing up to 25 people inside at Roselle Park. We are taking rentals and accommodating groups to have people outside.
- The RecPro software is still being developed shooting for a May start up.

**9. Board Member Comment** – None

**10. Public Comment** – None

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk