

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE THURSDAY JUNE 10, 2021 REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A.M., ROSELLE MEETING ROOM  
1010 GRAND RIVER DR., ADA 49301**

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

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

**Absent:** Steketee, Jacobs, Damstra

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

**Public Present:** None

**2. Approval of agenda**

VandenBerge moved, Schmottlach supported, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of minutes from May 13, 2021.**

Schmottlach moved, VandenBerge supported, to approve with changes, to correct Steketee showing under absent, he attended the meeting. Making correction on the last sentence from section #5. Motion carried unanimously. Approval to not read the minutes. Leisman moved, Roe supported, Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Update on Kent County Chief Hazy Cloud Park** – Fitzpatrick played a news clip from Wood TV 8 for the new development happening for the park. We don't have a cost on this project yet. Conversation was talked about of a bridge to connect to Roselle Park.

**5. Updating the 5-year PRLP Plan** – Fitzpatrick meet with Suchy & Ferro to go over process of hiring a consultant. In the packet gives an outline of the process, everyone to review. **RFP process for a consultant** – The group approved for the township staff develop REP and process hiring consultant. Winczewski moved, VandenBerge supported, Motion carried unanimously. Also, Fitzpatrick stated to have separate sub-committee for the review process. Terwilliger agree to be on this sub-committee.

**- Review of Goals and Objectives and Actions Program** – Fitzpatrick showed on the overhead the current PRLP plan for everyone to view, you can find the link in the packet with all updates Process & Schedule for the PRLP 5-year plans in your packet.

**6. Committee Report and updates**

- a. **Stewardship Committee** — Crosby stated they meet with Justin from LCWM. Crosby also shared some maps on strategic conservation plan image of Ada township. This committee really would like to reach out to property owners on educating more on invasive plants & Land preservation conservancy easement. You can find all the updates in the stewardship committee minutes in the packet.

- b. **Programs & Facilities Committee** – No update

- c. **Trails Committee**– VandenBerge stated the group met yesterday May 9<sup>th</sup>. They had many bids back from contractor, all under budget. Jim reported on in the Trails Committee working on both short term and long-term plans.

**7. Update on Bond Process for funding Capital Projects** – Julius updated the Board on getting a bond to help pay for the next 15 years of trail improvements plus the Roselle Shelter project and the Leonard Filed Riverfront project.

**8. Directors Report** – Fitzpatrick gave a few highlights from the Directors Report included in the packet. – Leonard lights are working great. Governor reduced restrictions and increases the numbers for people inside rentals. We are working on updating our website, along with an E-newsletter from Parks department. We have stop closing gates at night at park entrances. Concerts started back up on Wednesday nights at Legacy Park along with rentals. ABA has decided not to hold the August in Ada this year. Coordinating with Thornapple River Watershed council for an annual river clean-up for September 18th. For all updates, please review Director’s report in your packet.

**9. Board Member Comment** – Leisman stated that on the township sign committee, they would like to update this committee with someone that has some design back ground, needing help with the sign on Knapp’s corner. If anyone has ideas, please let him know.

Terwilliger asked the questions about getting more security cameras around the parks. With the continuous vandalizing happening in the restrooms and burning of a trash can, having more security cameras will help in this matter and for safety purposes. Fitzpatrick said he would do some research into this matter.

**10. Public Comment** – None

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk