



**PARKS, RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 BOARD MEETING, 8:30 AM**

**Roselle Park Community Building Meeting Room
1010 Grand River Dr., Ada, MI 49301**

MINUTES

1) Call meeting to order/roll call

Board Members Present: Leisman, Roe, Stekete, Schmottlach, Terwilliger, Levick, VandenBerge, Britt

Board Members Absent: Hurwitz, Crosby

Staff Present: Fitzpatrick, Suchy, Said, McIntosh, Deason

2) Approval of agenda

Moved by Britt, supported by Roe to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

3) Approval of meeting minutes from July 14, 2022. (August meeting not held)

Moved by VandenBerge, supported by Levick to approve the minutes. Motion Carried

4) Old business

Status of filling PRLP Board vacancy, committees, training session

Supervisor Leisman has appointed Britt to serve on the trails committee and updated us that there is still a vacancy remaining on the PRLP board. Supervisor Leisman concluded with the suggestion of a training session for the full PRLP board.

Update on Roselle Park Parking Lot project

Fitzpatrick stated that EGLE is set to send an update by the end of the week regarding permitting for the Roselle Parking Lot project. He announced the approximate restart date as September 18 with an approximate end date in October.

Update on Progressive A&E proposal on Legacy Park bank erosion repairs

Fitzpatrick stated that Progressive A&E's site proposal was previously discussed with the Buildings, Grounds, and Utilities Committee. Fitzpatrick reviewed that the erosion issue will be an ongoing concern.

Update on the Leonard Field Riverfront Improvement project

Fitzpatrick referred to the RJM-Design for improving the property. Currently, the park is in the survey process, to get a full scope of the property. Fitzpatrick stated that the Township will be able to put the design up to bid in Winter 2022.

5) New Business

Discussion on potential conservation easements and process for review

Fitzpatrick began discussion with the stewardship committee's shifting focus from land acquisition to focusing on conservation easements.

There was Board discussion, led by Planning Director Said regarding the Egypt Valley Easement, the review of how the Township identifies easements, and the ongoing partnership with the Land Conservancy. Fitzpatrick referred to the upcoming need of a site visit to the area.

Discussion on "Visioning" the Thornapple River corridor in Ada

Fitzpatrick began board discussion regarding long-term planning of the river corridor bordering Legacy Park and Leonard Park. Board discussion included the importance of public input from the master plan process, and continued parcel acquisition of other riverbank land.

6) Committee Reports & Updates

-Stewardship Committee: Committee to follow up with Egypt Valley Property.

-Programs and Facilities Committee

1. Summary of July 28 meeting and follow up (Ada & Legacy Parks): Fitzpatrick referred board members to the attached report for notes regarding the meeting.
2. Update on recreation programs & events: Recreation Program Coordinator Deason introduced several upcoming programs the Parks department is hosting in September and October. He also highlighted the upcoming pickleball tournament and several upcoming volunteer opportunities.

-Trails Committee

1. Update on current projects: VandenBerge shared the update from the engineer regarding the Pettis Trail board walk permits.
2. Update on Wayfinding initiative: Fitzpatrick announced the contract was awarded to Corbin Design, and presented a brief timeline set to start with a September 28th meeting.

7) Board Member Comments

None

8) Staff Comments

- a) Erin McIntosh, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant provided updates on: the conclusion of our summer concert series which came to a close on September 7th. McIntosh thanked the Ada Historical Society and Park maintenance staff for making the evening programming possible.
- b) Manager Suchy provided updates on: the agenda for the upcoming Township Board meeting where the Social District expansion will be discussed.
- c) John Said, Director of Planning, provided updates on: the upcoming planning commission meeting where the Egypt Valley property and the Mosaic housing property will be discussed.

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9) Public Comments

None

10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Smith, Ada Township Clerk

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