

In attendance: Beatrice Mattina, Chris Frey, Nicole Welka, David Fischer, and Jason Evchich. Also in attendance: Nathan Taylor from Rotella Grant Writers

AGENDA

1. This meeting we met with Nathan Taylor from Rotella Grant Writers since we were curious as to what grants may be out there that could improve our parks and recreation. We discussed many projects that are in the works or on our radar. The bathroom in our main park is one thing that is waiting for paperwork to complete. It will be expanded to include handicapped accessible stalls. Jason Evchich also discussed the addition to the playground which will include a water feature that is something more like a water park than a splash pad. This is scheduled to be completed in 2021. A walkway to the parking lot from the play area is in this plan. Grant funding is supporting much of these improvements. We discussed some grants. DASNY grants take a year to a year and a half. Politicians help decide how to disperse money. A Greenway application has been submitted for bike trails and improvements at our park. Years ago, a presentation to put a kayak launch at Nine Mile Island was attempted but fell through. We will look into that some more as Chris Frey has been researching possible locations for a kayak launch. Many grants require matching funding so communication is key to be sure ideas are supported. It was recommended that the Town update their Master Plan.
 2. We will continue to discuss ideas for the possible kayak launch. Nine Mile Island may be a possible site.
 3. Pavilion at Depeau Park- Blacktop, a walkway, and dirt fill will be completed in the spring and there will be a grand opening in April or May when it is complete. Ken Smith will contact Nicole with more information.
 4. Summer Recreation- Building use at Starpoint is approved. Family Swim is taking place at Starpoint. There was a discussion about fees. The fees will be \$55 per resident and \$250 for nonresidents. Swim will remain \$25 and field trips will remain \$10. It was discussed that the fees are low but we did ask to raise them a bit since minimum wage continues to increase each year. The dates for Summer Recreation are July 6 to August 14 with the first and last days for staff only.
 5. Depeau Park- The Board has allotted funding for court resurfacing to be done in 2020. This amount is budgeted but we will go through the approval process by submitting 3 quotes and allowing the Board to choose one.
 6. Nine Mile Island may benefit from Greenway Funding. Dave Fischer is involved with Nine Mile and will help keep us informed of happenings there.
 7. CNBSA posted information on their website regarding baseball and softball sign ups.
- Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2019 at 7 pm.