

Richfield Township Park Board Meeting      May 24, 2023

Called to order 6:00 p.m.

Pledge

Public in attendance & legible to read

Roll call

Holly Hunter – 222 Recreational Foundation

Furgeson, Jeff – Chairperson

John Pantalone

Alexander, Tula - Secretary

Connors, Bob

Kary, Roberta

Hertzberg, Jason - Vice-Chair ABSENT

Potter, Greg ABSENT

Ritter, Jerry ABSENT

Motion to approve April 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Roberta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. All ayes.

Discussion: Campground shower/restroom project update. EGLE approval is a 6 to 12 months process. Ball Field ARPA project. Web Cams.

Tula gave update on USDA Farmers Market grant project. She also reported contacting the office of US Rep John Moolenaar regarding rumors that federal government may take back ‘unspent’ ARPA funds allocated to local townships, etc...US Reps office stated that this is a false rumor circulating throughout the US.

Raised Event Stage area @ Cove Park. Roberta presented need to enlarge size with additional 14ft. floor size in direction toward the lake. This means original ARPA 30K request may need to be amended to be a total between 40K -50K. Motion to amend the original April 26 park board vote to submit an ARPA application to 50K instead of the original 30K by Bob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion approved

Bob gave update report regarding foot traffic to and from campground to community garden pathway park. Bob placed flags to mark the proposed area for these two sites to be connected for foot traffic.

222 Recreational Foundation requested guardrails be installed on both sides of ‘mud pit’ event area. Stated they would purchase rails and gift rails to twp and they would install if approved. Discussion on mud pit being filled in after public events. Bob stated that the mud hole cannot be filled in with trees or branches and per State statue non-contaminated dirt or sand must be used. Motion to recommend to twp board by Roberta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. All ayes.

Discussion of dogs being off leash at Cove Park. Mr. Patalone explained problem occurring. Park board will request signs be posted and language be inserted into Township Park Ord 61 allowing for enforcement. Motion by Roberta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. All ayes.

Motion to Adjourn by Roberta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. All ayes Time 7:21 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tula Alexander