

# Richfield Township Park Board Meeting

September 27, 2023

Called to order 6:00 p.m.

Pledge

Absent

## **Roll call present**

Furgeson, Jeff – Chairperson

Hertzberg, Jason - Vice-Chair

Potter, Greg

Alexander, Tula - Secretary

Kary, Roberta

Connors, Bob

Ritter, Jerry

Correspondence- None

Motion to approve August 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Roberta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. All ayes.

NOTE: GPP abbreviation stands for St. Helen Garden Pathways Park.

**Campground Shower/Restroom Project.** Roberta reported twp is still waiting for EGLE approval.

**Grant updates: DNR/DTE Tree & USDA Farmers Market.** Tula gave update that DNR will announce awards in mid-October on tree grant. Roberta is obtaining estimated cost to build farmers market pavilion and parking lot, etc...based on draft of site plans from Lapham's, West Branch. These figures are needed to know how much grant funding will be applied for when next USDA grant cycle opens (Nov 2023- Feb. 2024) to start construction.

**GPP:** Bob gave update that park benches will be installed in upcoming weeks.

**T-Ball, Soft Ball and Hard Ball.** .NOTE: A committee was formed during August Park Board meeting upon recommendation of Twp. Clerk Pam Scott. The committee is as follows: Rob Lindley (citizen), Jason and Bob (park board members). Discussion: Jerry Mynarcik oversaw removal of ballfield back fence and Park Board Committee wasn't properly notified prior to this action. Motion by Roberta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob that Park Board must have copy of softball field 'site plan' showing where back fence is being relocated to. Plans will be used to ensure that softball field will meet regulations for softball games. \$10,000 of ARPA funds/application were submitted for this project by the Park Board. CHA matched \$10,000. And Bluegill Festival organization donated additional \$10,000.

**ARPA Funds.** Roberta gave an update of current dollar amount of unallocated township ARPA funds. Update included that the township board recently approved funding for treatment of invasive weeds in Lake St. Helen and disc golf to be developed in GPP. Park Board may seek remaining unallocated ARPA funds for future event stage area development at Cove Park.

Motion to adjourn by Roberta 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob. All ayes. Time 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tula Alexander