

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
Vevay Township Hall – 780 Eden Road, Mason**

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Roger Cargill, Vice-Chair Coe Emens, Secretary Mary Ruttan, Member Patricia McNeilly, and Member John Fischer
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Supervisor John Lazet
Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cargill at 5:30 p.m. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Excuse Absent Member. Roll call was taken, a quorum was present.

Set/Amend Agenda.

Addition: City of Mason Park Master Plan

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Fischer, to set the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote **Ayes: Cargill, Emens, Ruttan, McNeilly, & Fischer**
Nays: None

Approval of the March 9, 2023, Minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Emens, to approve the March 9, 2023, minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote **Ayes: Emens, Cargill, McNeilly, Fischer, & Ruttan**
Nays: None

Public Comment. Supervisor Lazet presented an Awards Banquet Brochure honoring our own Vice-Chair Coe Emens. Mr. Emens received the Park Resource Leadership Award from the mParks Michigan Recreation & Park Association. The Commission recognized Vice-Chair Emens' dedication to Parks & Recreation.

Grant Update. Secretary Ruttan provided a detailed update and status of the Slotkin Grant Application, MDNR Passport Recreation Application, the two Ingham County Trails & Park Millage Grant Applications, and the MDNR Spark Grant Application. Discussion followed on the updated information needed for the second round MDNR Spark Grant. Chair Cargill and Secretary Ruttan will contact Ms. Wendy Longpre for consultation on the Spark Grant Application.

Keep the Momentum Going. Funding projects through grants is a long process. With the current grant application, shovels would not be in the ground until 2025. Discussion followed on strategies for community awareness, leveraging ARPA Funds, community funding, and outreach through social media to develop individual projects within the park improvement plan. Further discussion is needed to develop a plan.

Additional Public Comment. None.

Adjournment.

MOTION, seconded Fischer, seconded McNeilly to adjourn at 6:48.

Carried Unanimously.



Mary Ruttan, Secretary