

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 9, 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 (Arrived 5:35) 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. All Members were present with Member McNeilly arriving at 5:35 p.m.

Set/Amend Agenda.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Emens, to set the agenda as presented.

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

Approval of the January 5, 2023, Minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Emens, to approve the January 5, 2023, minutes as presented.

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

Public Comment. None.

Grants. Vevay Township was not awarded a Michigan Spark Grant. 21 communities shared \$14.2 million in Michigan Spark Grant awards. There were more than 460 applications totaling more than \$280 million. Clerk Kean and Secretary Ruttan will meet with the DNR grant coordinator and review the scores. The Commission will recommend that Vevay Township apply for round two of the Spark Grant with the same scope of service. The DNR Passport Grant is due on April 1, 2023. The Commission discussed applying, for the second time, for the same project. Slight modifications to the grant will be made to cover increased costs.

MOTION Cargill, seconded Fischer, to recommend to the Vevay Board of Trustees, submission of the 2023 Recreation Passport Grant Application in the amount up to \$150,000.

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

Round 8 of the County Trails & Parks Millage Grant is due May 1, 2023. Discussion followed on submitting two grant application. The first application would be for the Vevay Township Park Renovation and/or matching funds. The second application would be for the Hayhoe Trail Extension. Supervisor Lazet will seek the advice of Robert Ford from Landscape Architects and Planners regarding the submission of two applications. Mr. Ford will have a layout of the proposed Hayhoe Trail Extension at the next meeting.

The Community Foundation Grant preliminary application is open in March. The Commission discussed applying for a composite playground structure, swing set, safety surfacing along with ADA compliant walkways. These Impact Grants range from \$10,000 to \$75,000 with a one-to-one match. The preliminary application period is March 20-April 28, 2023.

MOTION McNeilly, seconded Ruttan, to recommend to the Vevay Board of Trustees, submission of a Community Foundation Impact Grant in the amount up to \$75,000.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McNeilly, Cargill, Fischer, Emens, & Ruttan

Nays: None

Member Fischer informed the Commission that the Downtown Development Authority may be interested in extending sewer and water from the Grief CorrChoice site to the Township Hall. This would eliminate the need for a portable bathroom at the park. More information will be presented as available.

City of Mason Trail Expansion. Supervisor Lazet will be attending a County Parks & Recreation meeting regarding the feasibility study for the Holt to Mason Trail Connection. The County received a \$2.75 million grant from Congresswoman Slotkin's Community Project Funding for this project. This trail extension helps to improve the connectivity of the Hayhoe Trail extension into Vevay Township. The City of Mason inquired about our plans to extend the Hayhoe Trail into Vevay Township. They currently are considering sidewalks along Zipp Road.

Support Network Strategy. With the beginning of a new grant application cycle, new letters of support are needed. A support template will be created in word format for specific grants. This will take the place of our generic support letter. This is a priority because the grant applications are due in March, April, and May.

Any Other Business. No update on the easement agreement with Greif CorrChoice.

Additional Public Comment. Supervisor Lazet would like a deliverable by next fall.

Adjournment.

MOTION Fischer, seconded McNeilly, to adjourn at 6:37. Carried Unanimously.



Mary Ruttan, Secretary