

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024, 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, and Member John Fischer
Members Absent: Member Patricia McNeilly (with notice)
Staff Present: Supervisor John Lazet
Others Present: Robert Ford, Landscape Architects and Planners

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cargill at 5:31 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.

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

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

Approval of the December 13, 2023, Minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Cargill, to approve the December 13, 2023, minutes as presented.

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

Approval of the 2023 Annual Report. There were no additions or corrections.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Cargill, to approve the 2023 Annual Report.

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

Public Comment. None.

Robert Ford, Landscape Architects and Planners. Mr. Ford announced that Landscape, Architects and Planners (LAP) will be merging with Spalding DeDecker an engineering and surveying firm. Mr. Ford will remain with the firm as head of the newly formed Landscape,

Architects and Planners Division. Spalding DeDecker will honor all LAP contracts. Supervisor Lazet will contact Attorney Revore regarding the transfer of contracts.

The estimated costs included in the Passport Grant were reviewed. Mr. Ford anticipates going out for bids for the project in March or April. The engineering costs in the Passport Grant will be covered under the 2022 County Planning Grant. Discussion followed about specific amenities that will be included in the bid process and the play equipment for the new 5-12 playground area. It was the consensus of the commission that the 5-12 playground area should include a composite net structure. Each commission member will provide suggestions. Mr. Ford will provide preliminary drawings at the next meeting.

Legacy Tree Donation Policy. The policy is on hold, pending reconsideration of the current donation request.

Any Other Business.

Supervisor Lazet provided an update on the Ingham County Parks & Trail Millage Round 8 Grant. Funding for Round 8 depends on the renewal of the Trail & Parks Millage in 2026. Based on projections of the renewal of the millage, the Hayhoe Trail Extension and Trailhead would be funded in 2028 and the Community Park Improvement in 2029.

The updated Priority Regional Trail Corridor Map from Tri-County Regional Planning includes Eden Road as a priority trail area instead of Hull Road. This prioritization includes the extension of the Hayhoe Trail and a new Vevay Township Trailhead.

Additional Public Comment. None.

Adjournment.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Ruttan, to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.



Mary Ruttan, Secretary