

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
Vevay Township Hall – 780 Eden Road, Mason**

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Roger Cargill, Vice-Chair Coe Emens III, Secretary Mary Ruttan, Member Patricia McNeilly, Member John Fischer
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Supervisor John Lazet
Others Present: Robert Ford, *Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc.*
One Interest Resident

Member Fischer provided each Recreation Commission member with a copy of the 2021 Michigan Trails Magazine.

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, and all members were present.

Set/Amend Agenda. There were no additions or deletions.

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

Voice Vote Passed Unanimously

Approval of 1-6-2022 Minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

Motion Emens, seconded Fischer, to approve the January 6, 2022, minutes as presented.

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

Public Comment. None.

Collaboration of Local Recreation Plans. The members responded to Chair Cargill's e-mail dated 1-10-22 with updated information. The Commission recognizes that it is vitally important that we work in partnership with our surrounding communities and have a canvas of area recreational opportunities. The Commission discussed the timeline for community out-reach. It was the consensus of the Commission to hold a Special Meeting for Community Input on the Phase I plan of the grant application on February 23, 2022. The meeting will be noticed and published as prescribed. The February 24, 2022, Special Recreation Commission Meeting, will be cancelled.

Mr. George Hayhoe will be invited to a near future meeting to provide information on his experience, expertise, and knowledge on the development of the Hayhoe Trail. Chair Cargill provided a synopsis of a meeting with Wendy Longpre from the East Lansing Parks and Recreation. Ms. Longpre has over 20 years of experiences and has applied for my different kinds of recreational grants.

Resolution to Rescind Res. #21-21 & Establish Recreation Commission. Supervisor Lazet provided an explanation for the revision.

Robert Ford, Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc. Mr. Ford distributed two Master Plan Concept renderings, and estimated costs for implementation. Each Master Plan Concept was discussed, in detail, with a goal to determine priority for Phase I of the Recreation Plan and Grant Application. Chair Cargill will explore the option of acquiring additional property from Grief Packaging, LLC. ADA compliance and safety requirements are a priority. Discussion followed on estimated project costs, the limited availability of Township funding, and DNR Grant Funding. Mr. Ford recommended a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport Grant in the amount of \$200,000. This requires a 25% match. It was the consensus of the Commission, based on funding and previous community input, that the ADA Compliance and safety requirements, the paved pathway (upper half of the concept) & baseball field, and miscellaneous items such as benches and shade trees be included, as funding allows, in Phase I of the Recreation Plan and Grant Application. Each commission member will reach out to our area stakeholders for letters of support. These letters will be included in the Grant Application. The Recreation Passport Grant is due April 1, 2022. The Recreation Commission needs to make a recommendation of support in February (latest early March) and the Vevay Township Board of Trustees needs to approve the application in March 2022, before the application can be submitted.

Any Other Business. None.

Additional Public Comment. Resident, Cindy Mark spoke positively on the Recreational Plan.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mary Ruttan, Secretary