

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Special Meeting/Public Hearing
Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
Vevay Township Hall – 780 Eden Road, Mason**

MINUTES

- Members Present:** Supervisor John Lazet, Clerk JoAnne Kean, Treasurer Christopher Lewis, Trustee Richard Lacasse, and Trustee Patricia McNeilly
- Members Absent:** None
- Staff Present:** Deputy Clerk Mary Ruttan
- Recreation Comm:** Chair Roger Cargill, Vice-Chair Coe Emens, Secretary Mary Ruttan, Patricia McNeilly, and John Fischer
- Others Present:** Robert Ford, Landscape Architects & Planners and nine interested residents

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Lazet at 6:30 p.m. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Excuse Absent Member. All members were present.

Set/Amend Agenda.

Any Other Business Addition: Expense Authorization for Treasurer's Counter Computer

Recess to Public Hearing.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Lacasse, to recess to the Public Hearing on the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

**Ayes: Lazet, Lewis, Lacasse, McNeilly, & Kean
Nays: None**

Review of 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan (Plan). Supervisor Lazet provided a synopsis and timeline of the previous actions taken by the Vevay Township Board of Trustees, including the reasons for the creation of the Recreation Commission. Vevay Township has applied to Ingham County Parks for a Trails and Parks Millage Grant to fund the creation of the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan. The funding for the County Grant is derived from the County's Trails & Parks millage paid by Township residents. Mr. Robert Ford, from Landscape, Architects & Planners, and the newly appointed Recreation Commission were introduced. The Plan emphasizes three areas: extension of the Hayhoe Trail, development of a trailhead at the Township Park, and expansion & upgrades to the Township Park. Supervisor Lazet referred to the DNR Grant guidelines. The guidelines require an inventory of all Township owned properties. The Plan does not include any current development of the additional cemetery property or the College Road property. The Plan is a prerequisite to apply for additional DNR funding and to maximize the impact of County resources. Supervisor Lazet asked for public comment.

Public Comment.

Greg Shaw	Inquired about the Hayhoe Trail routes to cross Kipp Road
Roger Cargill	Supported – Invited everyone to become involved
Patricia McNeilly	Supported – Appreciates Mr. Fords expertise
Gary Evans	425 Property Owner – City of Mason
Gary Howe	Supported – always need more recreation activities
Jay Jenkins	Supported – appreciative of special e-news
Al Winters	Supported – go forward
Chris Lewis	Supported – improves quality of life
E-Mail	Opposed development of College Road Property
E-Mail	Supported the trailhead placement on the south side of the Township Hall, concerned about increased maintenance, and opposed development of College Road property
E-Mail	Supported expansion of Hayhoe Trail and improvements to the Township Hall location.

Adjournment of Public Hearing and Recommencement of Special Meeting.

MOTION Lazet, seconded Kean, to close the Public Hearing on the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan, adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m., and recommence the Special Board of Trustee’s meeting.

Roll Call Vote

**Ayes: Lewis, Lazet, Kean, McNeilly, & Lacasse
Nays: None**

Adoption of 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan. Each Board Member expressed their support for the Plan and their appreciation for Mr. Ford. Discussion followed on the grant submission deadlines, multi-year processes, and the wording on the resolution. Supervisor Lazet presented a list of minor typographical errors. The Plan represents a forecast vision of Community Development Projects for the next two to three years. The Recreation Commission concluded their January 6, 2022, meeting by highly recommending the adoption of the Plan.

**5-YEAR COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION PLAN
VEVAY TOWNSHIP, INGHAM COUNTY**

RESOLUTION #22- 02

WHEREAS, Vevay Township has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2022 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, Vevay Township began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, residents of Vevay Township were provided with well-advertised opportunities during

the development of the draft 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan (“Plan”) to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan; and

WHEREAS, after many months of consideration and public input, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final *draft* Plan for a period of at least 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Vevay Township Recreation Commission is made up of Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the Vevay Township Recreation Commission highly recommended the adoption of the Plan to the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 18, 2022, at Vevay Township, 780 Eden Road, Mason, MI 48854 to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Vevay Township has developed the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Vevay Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Vevay Township Board hereby adopts the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan.

MOTION Kean, seconded McNeilly, to adopt the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Plan Resolution #22-02.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lacasse, Lewis, Lazet, Kean, & McNeilly

Nays: None

Any Other Business. Treasurer Lewis informed the Board that the counter computer, which is used for cash receipting, is nonfunctional. Frank Vargas from Vargas Computer Systems, Inc., recommends purchasing a refurbished computer for \$300.00. (The expense to be charged to Computer Services GL #101-101-802.000).

MOTION Lewis, seconded Lazet, to authorize the expense and payment to Vargas Computer Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$300.00 for the purchase of a refurbished computer.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McNeilly, Lacasse, Lewis, Lazet, & Kean

Nays: None.

Additional Public Comment. None

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

JoAnne Kean, Clerk

Recorder Deputy Clerk Ruttan