

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
Vevay Township Hall – 780 Eden Road, Mason**

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Roger Cargill, Secretary Mary Ruttan, Member Patricia McNeilly, Member John Fischer
Members Absent: Vice-Chair Coe Emens
Staff Present: Supervisor John Lazet
Others Present: Robert Ford, *Landscape Architects & Planners, Inc.*, and Mr. George Hayhoe

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 Vice-Chair Emens was excused with prior notice.

Set/Amend Agenda.

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

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

Approval of the 2-10-22 and 2-23-22 Minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

Motion McNeilly, seconded Fischer, to approve the February 10, 2022, and February 23, 2022, minutes as presented.

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

Mr. Ford stated that on March 8, 2022, Vevay Township was awarded an \$81,500 grant from the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage Grant Program. The grant covered the cost of the 5-Year Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Ford continues to work on the 2022 Recreation Passport Grant application which is due on April 1, 2022. On March 16, 2022, the Vevay Township Board of Trustees will vote on the submission of the Passport Grant to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Preliminary Discussion of Hayhoe Riverwalk Extension. Mr. Hayhoe provided a synopsis of the origin of the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail. An interactive discussion followed on several area wide trail development projects, specific location of the extension of the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail from the City of Mason to Vevay Township, current projects within the City of Mason that will enhance and encourage the extension of the Hayhoe Riverwalk Trail, the long-term maintenance of the trail and the timeline & funding for the project. The Recreation Master Plan is divided into three phases. Phase I is the upgrade and development of the Vevay Township Community Park, Phase II is the Hayhoe Riverwalk Extension, and Phase III is the development of the Trailhead at the Vevay Township Community Park.

Keep the Momentum Going-Messaging. The Commission discussed communication and outreach strategies. These include brochures, electronic presentations, events planning, and social media. Chair Cargill will prepare an electronic presentation for review at the April 7, 2022, meeting.

Match Funding Discussion. Vevay Township has committed \$50,000 as match funds through the Capital Improvement Program for the Recreation Passport Grant. The Commission would like to reserve the Township funding for future development projects. Grants, foundation, and other funding opportunities will be pursued.

Any Other Business. It was the consensus of the Commission to cancel the March 24, 2022, special meeting.

Additional Public Comment. None

Adjournment.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Ruttan, to adjourn at 7:43. Carried Unanimously.

Mary Ruttan, Secretary