

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022, 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 John Fischer, and Member Patricia McNeilly
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Supervisor John Lazet
Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cargill at 5:32 p.m. and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call/Excuse Absent Member. Roll call was taken, and one member were absent.

Set/Amend Agenda.

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

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

Approval of the 9-8-22 Minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

Motion Emens, seconded Fischer, to approve the September 8, 2022, minutes as presented.

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

Member McNeilly arrived at 5:37.

Public Comment. None.

Greif Corp Easement/Survey Review. Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors, Inc. will perform the survey. Greif Corp will be contact before the survey commences.

Friends of Vevay Township Park & Trail. Chair Cargill provided the Commission with an update on his meeting with the Sheridan's on creating the Friends of Vevay Township Park Organization. Discussion followed on the creation of a 501c3, fiduciary responsibilities and the establishment of a board. Member McNeilly will contact Mason Commercial Bank and Chair Cargill will contact the Community Foundation.

DDA Funding Acknowledgement. The Commission expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the financial commitment of \$150,000. The Commission requested a thank you letter be sent to the Vevay Township Downtown Development Authority.

Passport Grant Preliminary Score Update. Secretary Ruttan provided an update on the low score received on the Passport Grant Preliminary Worksheet. DNR requested additional information to increase the score. This information has been submitted. Discussion followed on the use of the baseball field. Member Fischer will contact the baseball organization representative for updated information.

Vevay Park Signage. One scoring factor for the Passport Grant was “Identification signage in place.” Currently, there is no signage for the Vevay Township Community Park. Member McNeilly has offered, at no cost to the Township, to place a park sign near the front entrance of the Township entrance. This sign is temporary until an aesthetically appropriate sign can be installed.

Grant Funding Strategic Plan. The grant application process for the Michigan DNR Spark grant and the Ingham County Trails & Parks Millage Grant will posted shortly. Discussion followed on the continued implementation of the 5-Year Community Parks and Recreation Plan. It was the consensus of the Commission to fully fund the updates to the Vevay Township Community Park with these grant opportunities. Supervisor Lazet will contact Robert Ford from LAP regarding grant writing, cost estimates, and the low score on the current Recreation Passport Grant. We need to be “pen ready” when the new grants are available. The park needs to be the “destination” for the proposed Hayhoe Trail extension.

Any Other Business. None

Additional Public Comment. None

Adjournment.

MOTION Fischer, seconded Emens, to adjourn at 6:51. Carried Unanimously.

Mary Ruttan, Secretary