

Covert Township Park Advisory Committee

Thursday April 21, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairperson D. Cook at 5:30 PM

Present: W. Rendell, D. Cook, J. Snow, J. Hartmann and E. Wilborn

Absent: None

Others Present: Robin Abshire, (Park Manager) and Ben Baker (Wightman)

Agenda:

Motion by Rendell seconded by E. Wilborn to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Secretary's Report:

Motion by J. Snow seconded by E. Wilborn to approve the March 17, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.
Motion carried.

Wightman Project Update:

Ben Baker showed us topographical maps of the park with suggestions for where possible walking trails could go.
We talked about overflow parking on 32nd and the problem of widening the road at the top of the hill by the park gate. Ben said he would research if the state would allow cutting into a critical dune if it was located in a road right of way.

Covert Community Park – Pavilion Construction

We continued our discussion on a pavilion for the park. We received a ball park estimate from Howard Fish (Local Contractor) of \$50,000 for the pavilion and cement slab.

Covert Community Park – RAP Grant Opportunity

We discussed what we should recommend to the Township Board for a budget for Covert Community Park and how much should be in the recommended budget for capital outlay for a possible pavilion and other improvements.

Daywi told us about the possibility for applying for a RAP Grant with a 50% match.

Motion by J. Snow seconded by D. Cook to recommend a budget to the Township Board for \$141,628. \$139,027 of that amount would be in capital outlay to be used for a 50% RAP Grant match if the grant was approved.

Motion Carried.

Campground Report:

Robin gave us an update on what was going on at the park. She said that she had met with three people from the Van Buren Conservation District and was excited at what they may be able to do for the park.

Other Business:

None

Next meeting date:

Next regular Meeting – May 19th at 5:30 PM

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Wayne Rendell, Secretary