

BOUGHTON PARK COMMISSION – Minutes 3/10/22

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Claudia Walsh at 7:07PM. The meeting was held at the Victor Town Hall. Those attending in addition to Claudia were Ann Borgstrom, Christain Culbertson, Bill Travis, Chauncy Young, Lisa Roberts, Frank Fessner (Zoom), Sue Stehling (Zoom), Mat McDonald (Zoom), and Sue Banister.

The minutes of the February 10th meeting were reviewed. Changes to the minutes were made as follows:

-- The amount of payment made by West Bloomfield was never identified as an "over-payment." The amount was \$156. Ann wrote to the Town Supervisor asking if he wanted the money sent back. To date she has not heard back from him. She asked the board for approval to apply this money as needed.

-- As far as the plowing , the reference to the road through the park referred to the snow plowing more of the area set aside for the skiers/snowshoers.

-- The meeting with the Town Supervisors is scheduled for April 14th.

A motion was made to amend the minutes and approval was made by Bill and seconded by Lisa. The financial report was unanimously approved.

Ann reviewed the monthly financial report. She also stated that the toilet that was ordered had arrived. She contacted Matt Damaske to arrange for storage. Finally, the garbage collection problem was resolved. A motion was made by him and seconded by Lisa to accept the financial report. The report was unanimously approved.

Claudia had arranged for Mike Rook of Rochester Jr Bass Masters to give a presentation about the program. The Bass Masters will be holding a catch and release fishing event in the park on Sunday, May 29th, 2022 from 9am to 1pm.

Unfortunately Mr. Rook did not appear. Claudia provided the overview. She stated that there would be about 6 to 10 young boys participating in the program. The purpose of the program is to promote an appreciation of the outdoors as well as safe fishing techniques. A staff member of the DEC will also be present to help with the program. A question was asked about members of the public attending. Claudia said she would check with Mr. Rook and let us know.

Christian stated he was asked by President Dave Damaske to have the Board outline the Pros and Cons of having the Town of Farmington become a member of Boughton Park. The Board members discussed this idea. Christian took notes and stated he would forward the list of Pros and Cons as discussed to the Board Members.

Claudia stated she would send out an email to the Supervisors of the 3 Towns reminding them of the meeting on April 14th

Chauncy asked the group to be on the lookout for trees that need to be culled because of the recent high winds. Claudia had contacted Junot regarding a big tree leaning over the inner pond trail. Junot

had provided proof of insurance and would be at the park to take care of the learner. He will also assess other trees and let Claudia know what needs to be done. Mat said he would work with Junot when he came to take care of the problem trees. The Board discussed using ribbons to identify problem trees versus paint. Everyone agreed that using ribbon was better than paint.

If possible, dead wood would be left to encourage wildlife habitat.

Matt discussed the damage being done to the trails by hikers and bikers during the muddy season. He said he had talked to a couple of bikers.

Lisa expressed concern about the trail off of Stirnie road down to the canoe racks and the dock. She stated that there man exposed roots which are hazardous. Chauncy reviewed how the slope of the trail needs to be reworked to drain the water from the trail. Lisa floated the idea of moving the dock to a safer position. Frank offered to help out with the trail work as he has had many years experience with operating heavy equipment.

Bill made a motion to close the meeting. This was unanimously approved.