

Boughton Park Meeting April 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Dave Damaske at 7PM. Participants included Chauncy Young, Ann Borgstrom, Sue Stehling, Christian Culbertson, Bill Travis, Lisa Roberts, Claudia Walsh, Jim Wieboldt, Frank Fessner, Scott Harmon (via Zoom), Todd Campbell (via Zoom), and Sue Banister.

Dave announced that Bill Travis had resigned from the Commission. He had assumed responsibility for keeping track of insurance policies related to the Park. Since Christian is going to assume these responsibilities, Bill presented Christian several large folders.

The minutes of the March meeting had 3 typographical errors. After these were corrected Chauncy made a motion to accept the minutes and Jim seconded the motion. The revised minutes were unanimously approved.

Ann presented the financial reports for the time period of January 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022. She also discussed the outstanding bills to be paid. In addition she informed those present that the tax accountant had completed the required paperwork for submission to the state and federal governments. She obtained the required signatures necessary to complete the tax forms for mailing. Lisa made a motion to accept the financial reports and to authorize the payment of outstanding bills. Claudia seconded this motion with the Commission unanimously approving the motion.

Dave asked for discussion concerning the pros and cons of the Town of Farmington joining the 3 towns in ownership of the Park. This was in response to the request of the Supervisors of the towns of Victor, East Bloomfield, and West Bloomfield to provide some direction as to the wishes of the Commission about this idea. Originally the Supervisors were to be present at this meeting. Only Todd Campbell, Supervisor of West Bloomfield, was able to attend. At the March meeting of the Commission Christian recorded the statements by members of the Commission and provided this information to all concerned. The Commission did not give a definite answer to the question of the Town of Farmington becoming a member.

Frank Fessner stated that the Supervisors had met recently to begin the negotiating process. Todd Campbell stated that Farmington has a vested interest in wanting to become a member of the Park. Specially, any water damage from the dams breaking would greatly impact the town. It is in their best interest to have a say in how the dams are repaired as well as contributing to the cost of the repairs. The other 3 towns are in favor of this because the cost of repairs would be spread over 4 towns instead of 3. Because of the rapid growth of Farmington, that town has the money to spend. Todd also stated that Farmington as well as Victor have many parks and recreation areas. The addition of Farmington would not bring that many more people into the park. Also because Victor and Farmington have a joint school district having Farmington join would be fair to the school children and their families.

Dave stated that he thought this should be brought to the attention of the residents of the 3 towns so the public has a say in this decision. This should not be a unilateral decision by the Supervisors. Todd agreed that the residents would be apprised of the situation by meeting and that the residents would have a chance to vote on this idea.

Several members of the Commission wanted to have a chance to meet with the Farmington Supervisor in order to hear directly how he thinks Farmington could be of benefit to the Park. Christian made a motion to invite the Supervisor of Farmington to meet with the Commission. Chauncy seconded this motion. This was unanimously approved.

Todd stated he would share the original and the 2013 version of the Park charter with the Supervisor of Farmington.

The Commission wanted reassurances that the intent of the Park would remain as "forever wild" as much as possible and that the repair of the dams was not contingent upon Farmington joining. This assurance was given by Todd. Arrangements will be made to have the Supervisor of Farmington meet with the Commission in the near future.

Dave stated he would like to have the location of the Stirnie Road bathroom discussed and decided upon. He had met with Scott Kimball, the highway superintendant of East Bloomfield, to make sure this project is on his list of things to do. He stated he would like to have the bathroom situated between the 2 entrances of Stirnie Road. with the tank facing south and the door facing to the north. He explained the toilet works best with the most southern exposure. Some trees would need to be cut in order to place the toilet in this location. He hopes the toilet will be in place by May. Chauncy made a motion to have Dave place the toilet wherever he thinks best. Ann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The new Memorial Pavilion was discussed. Dave stated that the Town Of East Bloomfield Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Board have yet to approve plans for the pavilion. This project is on hold.

Ann has been working with the Town Clerks of the 3 towns to ensure that there are no misunderstandings about procedures and practices. In her discussions with the clerks there are things that the Commission needs to be aware of. With regard to the processing of group parking passes, the procedure calls for a number for photo copies. This impacts the budget of each office. Ann would like to give each office a ream of paper. Ann made a motion to provide each Town with a ream of paper which was seconded by Dave. This motion was unanimously passed. Ann will also provide each Town more stickers for the passes.

Lisa and Chauncy discussed the upcoming tree planting project in honor of Arbor Day.

Claudia suggested having family members who donate memorials in honor of a loved one to be granted a parking pass that could be used by a number of family members for up to 10 years. The pass would have the date issued and an ending date. The pass would not have a license number on it so it could be used by various family members. Claudia will provide the Town Clerks with the necessary information about the procedures. This idea was approved by the Commission.

Also discussed was the progress of the efforts to have the dams repaired and raising the funds to accomplish this goal. In addition to having another town join efforts have been made to secure funds through grants from state and federal sources. The Commission recognizes and appreciates the efforts by Bill Travis. He has taken upon himself

to research and apply for funding wherever possible. He has made contact with our US Senator, Charles Schumer, to obtain funding sources. The Commission appreciates the years Bill has spent on the Commission. He was a founding member of the Commission 30 years ago and has been a member ever since. Thank you Bill for all your efforts in the past and in the future. Just because Bill is no longer on the Commission does not mean he is not going to be involved. He is working with the towns to obtain funding where and when ever.