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MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING – PARK DOCK ACCESS AND COURTS RENOVATION GRANT COMMUNITY BUILDING BOARD ROOM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022—6:30 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Board Members: William Seppanen, Nicole Haskett, Julia Anderson-Leake, Donald DeRoche

Absent: Neil Hanson

Guests: Deborah Kinnunen, Ruth Starr, Ginny Graybill, Billy Gierut, Paul Olson, Rhonda Boshears, Don Peterson, Brian Adams, Nicole Adams, Laura Mattson, Caron Christopherson, Dylan Jurasin, Paul Peterson, Gina Niemi, David Niemi

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Seppanen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- II. ROLL CALL – Seppanen called the roll – Trustee Anderson-Leake, Treasurer Haskett, Supervisor Seppanen, Trustee DeRoche, are present. Clerk Hanson is absent. There is a quorum.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Recited.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Anderson-Leake asked that the name of the grant on the agenda be updated from Michigamme Township Park Courts Redevelopment and Dock Access to what she has it titled as on the applications (Michigamme Township Park Dock Access and Courts Renovation Grant). Haskett moved to approve the agenda with DeRoche seconding the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – READ COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FOR PUBLIC HEARING – None.
- VI. BOARD COMMENT – Anderson-Leake thanked everyone for coming, please sign the sheet because that will be included in the grant application.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS:
 1. MICHIGAMME TOWNSHIP PARK DOCK ACCESS AND COURTS RENOVATION GRANT APPLICATIONS – Seppanen stated that Trustee Anderson-Leake is working on the current grant applications and you may ask her questions. Anderson-Leake explained the inclusions in the grant. There are three grants that can be applied for. The Recreation Passport Grant has \$2 million available to State applicants from the sale of passport for State Parks. The Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund has \$5 million available for grants which is monies funded from the extraction of oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico. This grant is a 50% match. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has \$20 million available for grant opportunities. This grant is a 25% minimum match. Anderson-Leake passed out the current blueprint drawings of the project. They will be tweaked with the final suggestions by the engineer that we hired to draft the plans. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2022. She is preparing two grant applications, the Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund requires a review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Township has already contracted with ORBIS Environmental Consultants to conduct this review and prepare the report to the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (MSHPO) for a fee of \$1,285. So far, the total proposed costs of this project are approximately \$366,000. Michigan EGLE is involved in all the determinations. The Township is working with Superior Alliance for Independent Living (SAIL) to support the grant applications in determining the ADA handicap accessibility needs. There will be designated handicap parking

added at the Park and handicap accessible walkways from both stairs that will go around the courts and down to the dock at the water front. There will be a sign on the highway for the park and signage added in the Park. Anderson-Leake explained that there will be security cameras in the Pavilion and cook shack areas and equipment will be available for persons to use for basketball, pickleball, and tennis activities. The basketball court will be regulation length. The courts will be lined for all sports activities, including pickleball and tennis. This renovation follows the Township's Master Plan and 5-year Recreation Plan; it also meets the Redevelopment Readiness Communities Certification Participation Plan. She read the two letters of support that she has received so far. She asked the attendees at the hearing to write letters of support that she will send in with the applications. Anderson-Leake thanked Janice Anderson, Bob DellAngelo and Debbie Kinnunen for their efforts in preparing the first grant applications last year. She was able to build on those materials. Anderson-Leake will finish the applications and have Seppanen submit them on the online Michigan DNR grant access site by April 1, 2022. Minutes from the public hearing will be included in the applications. The Township will hold a special board meeting on February 23rd with the final resolution to commit to the matching funds and make the final determination of which applications to submit.

- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT (Three Minutes) – The public asked where the handicap parking will be located and if Michigan EGLE is involved in the development of the area.
- IX. BOARD COMMENT - Seppanen thanked Anderson-Leake for all her efforts in preparing this grant. He added that he thinks it will be an asset to Michigamme Township to have renovated courts and handicap accessible walkways. The handicap parking will be paved. Seppanen stated that last summer a family stopped at the Park to expend some energy. They told him that they were very grateful to be able to use the Park and Gazebo with their children.
- X. ADJOURNMENT – Seppanen moved to adjourn the public hearing meeting with Haskett seconding the motion. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. Motion carried. Hearing adjourned at 6:54 pm.