

Park Meeting Minutes July 21, 2025

Meeting called to order 6:02 pm.

Present: Jim Busha, Lori Busha, Heidi Murdoch, Cindy Wilson

Guest: Cindy VanSloten

Absent: Lee Freedman

Old Business:

- Review of 6/30/25 minutes. Lori motion to approve Jim Busha 2nd, unanimous approval
- Cindy submitted copies of meeting minutes to Amy through from (CW) December 2024 for publication on Township website.
- Discussion of Music in the Park events. Donations / sale of products to date \$360. Reimbursement of purchase to Cindy \$119 with \$241 to be deposited to Park account. Per Cindy VanSloten, vendors have been booked for each Saturday through the end of August at \$200 each. An additional event has been booked for Wednesday, July 23, 2025, sponsored by the Congregational Church.
- Cindy will get with Amy about financial statement presentation for the Park.
- Discussion re: Smart House. Cindy VanSloten related that the Township would like to sell house and site with proceeds to the Park. Jim and Lori maintained that this is not allowed under the Township covenant in place. Township will need attorney review prior to proceeding with sale. Smart Park (CW) house will be torn down and Cloverland will requote electrical.
- General discussion of 4th of July activities. Heidi met with Jill at Sugar Daddy's about her lead in various events. Will catch up with her later when all the data is final. In discussion, with Jill and Kathy at Wheels of History, other ideas were discussed for future fundraising including chili cookoff, 5k snowshoe event, winter festival with kid zone, milk jug curling, community garage sale, etc. were discussed.

New Business:

- Questions raised about items noticed at the Park. Cement piling in parking lot, sanitary line marked surveyor stakes, and signage marking a trail in the park.



Possibly connected to construction at Bay Mart across the street. These will be investigated.

-Heidi shared an e-mail from the DNR about rec. plan received. We are at the public notice stage with the 5-year plan. Need to bring to Township Board to proceed. Heidi presented a sample notice. Also, she brought a mock invitation to community groups to increase public participation in the comment / notice process. Heidi additionally provided a copy of the Public Outdoor Recreation Grant with completion of self-certification needing to be completed. Copies will be e-mailed to all.

-Pages 9-11 of the guide need to be revisited / developed for rec. plan.

-Heidi indicated that Meijer grant looks more like a sponsorship role rather than actual donation of funds.

Next meeting set for August 18, 2025 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 by Heidi, Lori 2nd, unanimous approval.

Cynthia Walosz