

Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2007

Organizational meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Park.

Present: Phil Alexander, Dani Coutant, Lorraine Markovich, and Christine Wohlfeil. Tom Wagar attended as a guest, Township Supervisor, and sitting in for Commission Member Ann Wagar.

Christine Wohlfeil agreed to serve as chairman of the Commission. Phil Alexander agreed to serve as secretary. Agreement by consensus.

Budget: \$25,000 (current fiscal year goes until March 2008)

Otsego Lake Township Recreation Plan is included in the Otsego Lake Township Master Plan as Chapter 7. The document was adopted in May 2006 and is available on the Township web site. The recreation plan includes an inventory of existing recreational facilities and events, recreation goals for the Township, and an action program that provides a timeline to complete the prioritized goals as well as estimated costs and anticipated funding sources.

The group brainstormed ideas, concerns, and initial tasks to be considered and assigned a contact person for each item.

1. Sign on Old 27 to direct people to the Township Park. Tom Wagar
2. Annual inspection of playground equipment. Phil to ask city officials.
3. Water well test with the local Health Department. Dani
4. Handicap accessible for pavilion on south side not west side. Tom to contact three excavators (H&D, J&N, and M&M) for quotes. Later we agreed to include a parking lot between the pavilion and Memorial Drive. This may require moving the stone/marker.
5. Get a copy of the above recreation plan to all Commission members. Each member to download their own copy.
6. Connect the Twp Park with downtown Waters by extending the sidewalk or path on the east side of Old 27 (Who volunteered to look into this?)
7. Improve and clean up the pathway in the Nature Trail (possibly an Eagle Scout project)
8. Why are there posts along the ditch on Memorial Drive? Do we need a fence?
9. Build a soccer field that can double as a baseball field. (delayed until 2008)
10. Mow the snowmobile trail along the railroad tracks trail from the State Park to downtown Waters for walkers, runners, and mountain bikes during the summer.
11. Purchase playground equipment for 2-5 year olds. Lorraine and Kristina
12. Tree thinning and make a trail from playscape to front of property / DAV memorial
13. Build a shuffleboard court on the vacant lot south of the Twp Hall. (2009)

The Commission plans to eventually meet on a quarterly basis. However, since the group was just formed and there is a lot of work to do before winter, our next meeting is scheduled for

September 5, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet at the Twp Park – weather permitting – otherwise our back up plan is at the Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Secretary

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