

Arcadia township Park Commission  
Arcadia Township Hall

Meeting Minutes  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

- I. Call to Order by Dan Macek at 6:40 pm
- II. Roll Call –Present: Dan Macek, Mike Slavens, Tina Slavens, John Steben, Tom Farnsworth  
Absent: Diane Hughes, Frances Holmes
- III. Public Comment: Agenda Items -none
- IV. Approve/Amend Agenda – Motion was made to approve the agenda by John Steben and seconded by Mike Slavens AIF
- V. Treasurer’s Report - Deferred until next meeting. Dan reported that this year’s budget was approved by the Township Board as submitted.
- VI. Approve Minutes of past meeting - John Steben made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as written and seconded by Mike Slavens.
- VII. Correspondence - Dan Macek shared two letters written by concerned Arcadia residents regarding the lack of public access to the beach.
- VIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Safety Check Lists – Mike Slavens will complete the check this week and will submit them at the next meeting.
  - b. County Trail Committee – John Steben gave an overview of this Committee’s goals and said that while many of their goals did not include Arcadia, some would so they appreciated our representation at the meetings.
  - c. Park committee Goals
    1. Sunset Station – Much discussion was held regarding the current lack of access to the beach as it now stands. Keeping the stairs where they were is possible, but we need a DEQ permit in order to pursue it further. A similar stairway at Weiherman Park, a mile north, cost about \$2,000. Tom Farnsworth made the suggestion that we consider moving the beach access south over the dune instead of going to the west as before. He will study this concept further and make a recommendation to this Commission at the next meeting. In the meantime it was suggested we put yellow tape around the old access area. Mike Slavens reported that the public restrooms have been unlocked and the trash and recycle bins have been put out.
    2. Grebe park – Nothing new to report
    3. Pickert park – Nothing new to report

4. Finch Park – Tom Farnsworth will check on prices for a portable-potty at Finch Park. John Steben also noted that it would be desirable to have an ADA-compliant access to the portapoty.

5. Erdman/Schaefer Rd – Nothing new to report

#### IX. Old Business

- a. Tree trimming – The trimming project at the tennis courts has been completed.
- b. Spring (Fall) Cleanup - The fall cleanup was not completed as planned due to an early snow fall. We will contact Dumas Enterprises to see if they can do the spring cleanup at Finch and Pickert Parks for under \$500. If so, approval was given for them to proceed. Motion was made by Tina Slavens and seconded by John Steben. AIF
- c. Insurance Claim for the missing swings – Janice McCraner will have the insurance company calculate the value of the swings relative to their age and our deductible for replacing them. Tom Farnsworth will remove the old posts for the swings that were left behind.

#### X. New Business

- a. Election of New Officers – John Steben was elected as the new president. Tina Slavens was elected as Vice President. Diane Hughes was elected as Secretary and Frances Holmes was elected as the Treasurer.
- b. Park maintenance 2018 - Park maintenance and mowing will continue to be done by Mike Slavens
- c. Restroom Cleaning will be done by Mike Slavens
- d. Weed Control – It was thought that we shouldn't need weed control at Grebe park this year.
- e. David Foote from the GTRLC made a presentation with photos regarding their plans for fishing and bird watching stations on the Arcadia Marsh Trail – He stated they are in the process of obtaining permits and their plan is to have the stations open by June of next year.

Janice McCraner presented an overview with literature of a proposal made by a committee supporting small sustainable harbors. She reported that we could receive a grant of \$30,000 to \$50,000 as a means of offsetting the cost of dredging.

She further added that the weather has been a factor in getting the playground mat fixed . She will follow up with the responsible contractor in this regard.

#### XI. Public Comment – none

#### XII. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by Tina Slavens