

Arcadia Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes Draft

October 5, 2021- Arcadia Township Hall

I. Call to order

Ross Kladder called to order the regular meeting of the Arcadia Parks and Recreation Committee at 7:00pm on 10/5/2021 at the Arcadia Township Hall.

II. Roll call

Ross Kladder conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Ross Kladder, Stacy Berkshire, Brian North, Mike Matteson, Pat Manke and guest Sara Kirk (GEI).

III. Approval of Minutes

- May 26 Minutes: No changes Pat Manke made the motion to approve the minutes and Mike Matteson seconded. AIF
June 28th minutes: No changes. Pat Manke made the motion to approve the minutes and Mike Matteson seconded. AIF
- August 13 minutes. Ross Kladder recommended changing the “second stakeholder meeting” to “second open house”. Ross made the motion to approve the minutes with the edit and Mike Matteson seconded. AIF

IV. Discussion Items

New Business

- a) **Michigan Butterfly Network** presented an overview of their organization (on Zoom) and provided the committee with brochures. They proposed including a Monarch butterfly garden in Arcadia, with a recommendation of the Arcadia Museum as a potential location for the garden. This would require a small amount of funding (~\$500-\$1000) – may come from contributions, 100 square feet of space, and ongoing community volunteers for maintenance.

Actions: Suggest carving out a subcommittee made up of community. Also, create a proposal to present to the committee with costs, maintenance needs and volunteers who will be involved.

Old Business

- b). **Sunset Station concepts first draft** presented by Sara Kirk (SRP). Two options were presented. The Committee discussed the options, both very promising. Sara recommended the format for the Open House which would be showing both options in large format on the wall with the beach view for both options as well. GEI would provide comment cards/post-it notes for the community to provide their comments and feedback during the Open House. A hybrid option is likely to be the preferred outcome following the Open House. The Committee proposed using the PVCC, to ensure we have enough space, and holding two sessions to consider working hours and community availability.

The proposed date is October 19th from 3:00-5:00 and a second session from 6:00-8:00. We also discussed leaving the large format documents on the wall for those to review/comment on if community members were unable to attend.

Actions:

- Determine if this date/time would work for GEI – Sara Kirk
- Discuss Open House plan with Janice McCraner – Ross Kladder
- Contact PVCC for approval on/dates and time and using the building - Mike Matteson

c). Network Northwest Manistee County-wide Plan was discussed. Two main issues were highlighted:

1). Network Northwest’s reference in the document that Manistee County would manage all Townships’ Grant Proposals. And also, the reference to hiring a Grant Writer for all townships to use. Concerns were around the prioritization of Arcadia’s Grants and the attention Arcadia would receive.

2). Network Northwest’s reference to a goal of encouraging local jurisdictions to lease recreation sites to Manistee County for \$1 and for 100 years. Need to discuss this with Zach Vega (NN) and understand what this means for Arcadia.

The Committee also discussed smaller edits/changes to the plan.

Actions:

- Suggest reviewing the “changes” document provided by Stacy Berkshire and editing as appropriate based on the discussions during the meeting (e.g., beach access points) – Ross Kladder and Stacy Berkshire
- Set an Agenda and schedule a meeting with Zach Vega (NN) to discuss our concerns – Ross Kladder
- Contact other Township Parks and Rec committees to gather their concerns – Ross Kladder
- Delay November Public Hearing until December – Ross Kladder w/Janice McCraner

V. Adjournment

Ross Kladder moved to adjourn the meeting 8:30 Motion seconded by Stacy Berkshire, All in Favor.

Minutes submitted by: Stacy Berkshire on October 8, 2021