

**LA PORTE PARK AND RECREATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Mitch Feikes, also attending were Nicole Messacar, Joseph Ault, Karen Ellison, Denise Bealor, Jake Huelet, Mark Schreiber, Brett Binversie, Kyle Cashmer and Roberta Mumaw.

RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous month were approved unanimously on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Denise Bealor.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The bills and claims in the amount of \$108,826.12 were unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Joe Ault.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mark Schreiber stated at this time there is nothing new to report on the additional lodge facility on Stone Lake.

New Business

Leif Wiley with Aquatic Control gave an update on the Milfoil treatments that have been ongoing on Clear Lake. Treatment of the Eurasian milfoil on Clear Lake began in 2008. No milfoil has been found for the last 4 years with no treatment being needed. With no treatment needed, the 2022 LARE Grant funds will be renewed for 2023. The grant covers 80% of costs for treatment of up to 10 acres as well as the AVMP update and survey. The remaining 20% is paid for by the Park Department. The survey completed on May 16 did not detect any Eurasian milfoil or any other invasive species. The summer Tier 2 survey completed on August 15 showed the water clarity was 2.6 feet, which is the best this has been since 2021. Milfoil was collected from one site, with 5 native species being collected. There were 3 invasive species milfoil, brittle naiad and curly leaf pondweed being collected. Future management will include spot treatment where the milfoil was found. The total LARE Grant request for 2024 will be \$10,500. The timeline that was distributed will be included with the official minutes.

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that he has met with New Age and MTA on the security cameras to be placed in the parks. The suggestion would be to form a sub-committee to review all the information that has been collected and to make a recommendation to the board for approval. The motion to form a sub-committee to review the security camera information was made by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Heulat. Mitch Feikes and Jake Heulat volunteered to represent the Board on the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber is recommending that an advisory sub-committee be formed to represent the ACOA. He would suggest that sub-committee include one Park Board member. A motion to form the advisory sub-committee for the ACOA was made by Karen Ellison,

seconded by Nicole Messacar. Denise Bealor volunteered to represent the Park Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Schreiber distributed information to the Board regarding the fundraising campaign that will be done by the Park Foundation. This is nothing that will require board approval, this is just informational. Board approval will be required for banner placement at Kesling Park at the ball diamonds. This will be part of the sponsorship levels. A motion to place sponsor banners at Kesling Park ball diamonds as part of the fundraising campaign was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Heulat.

Mark Schreiber is requesting permission from the Board to remove a dangerous tree at Kiwanis Teledyne Park. The tree is near the pergola and is hollowed out and needs to be removed. A motion to remove the tree at Kiwanis Teledyne was unanimously approved on a motion by Karen Ellison, seconded by Jake Heulat.

Brett Binversie is requesting permission from the Board to increase some of the fees for rental of the Civic Auditorium. The proposed fee increase is attached. With all the improvements we feel the increase is justified. The motion to increase Civic fees was unanimously approved on a motion by Nicole Messacar, seconded by Jake Heulat.

Mark Schreiber has requested permission to allow parking on the grass for participants of the Bolt for the Heart 5K/10K that will be held at Cummings Lodge on Saturday October 14. The request was unanimously approved on a motion by Denise Bealor, seconded by Jake Heulat.

Board Member/Department Head Comments

Mark Schreiber informed the Board that we are having an issue with a beaver that is building a dam between Stone Lake and Hennessy Pond. He will be in contact with DNR on what needs to be done for removal.

Brett Binversie mentioned the upcoming Civic event:
 September 22 Loverboy
 October 13 Slippery When Wet a Bon Jovi tribute band
 October 27 Gary Levoux

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Jake Heulat, seconded by Nicole Messacar.



~~Mitch Feikes, President~~
 Jake Heulat



 Roberta Mumaw, Secretary

Approved: 10-18-23