

Boughton Park Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022 Victor Town Hall and Zoom

The meeting was held via Zoom with the following members present -- Dave, Chauncy, Christain, Ann, Sue Stehling, Claudia, Jim, Lisa, and Sue Banister. The meeting was called into session at 7PM by Dave with Chauncy managing the Zoom process.

Dave announced the first order of business of nominating the officers of the Commission for the current year. For the office of President Dave was nominated by Chauncy and seconded by Claudia. For the office of Vice President Claudia was nominated by Dave and seconded by Chauncy. For the office of Treasure Ann was nominated by Chauncy and seconded by Lisa. For the office of Secretary Sue Banister was nominated by Dave and seconded by Lisa.

All candidates nominated were unanimously approved by the members.

The minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting were approved by a motion to approve by Lisa with Chauncy seconding that approval.

Ann reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Profit and loss statements were reviewed. She stated she had received monies from the Town of East Bloomfield and had spoken to the Supervisor of the the Town of Victor, Victor Town Board has a meeting scheduled for January 24, 2022. At that time the Town Board will approve the allocation of funds to the Park Commission. To date there has been no response from the Town of West Bloomfield regarding the payment of funds to the Commission. The funding of the new bathroom for Stirnie road was discussed. Dave stated he had to revise the figures and had sent out a memo to all members of the Commission regarding the changes. Ann stated that there was enough funds to cover the increases. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills by Lisa and seconded by Jim. This was unanimously approved by the members.

Chauncy provided an update on the Dams' Project. Tina had attended a grant writing workshop and she is working on the grant.

There is also a scheduled meeting with Todd, Frieda and the Committee of 6 in the near future.

With regard to the Junot Tree Company insurance Ann stated she had been in contact with the company and learned that their insurance is valid until February of this year and will be renewed at that time. Dave said he and someone from Junot Trees had done a preliminary walk through. Dave was concerned about a dead pine tree in the picnic area. They discussed taking some branches off but leaving the tree to attract wildlife nesting. Commission members approved this plan of action.

Chauncy provided an update on the Memorial Bench project. He stated everything was progressing as planned

The Mini Library Project was also reviewed. The Mini Library will be placed at the Stirnie Road parking lot. Dave will supervise the installation and coordinate with the Project Leader.

Dave updated the members on the status of the purchase of a Bobcat mini excavator. He had priced a 5 year old used one. The Commission had approved monies for the purchase. However a new one under warranty under state bid would be about the same price. He suggested waiting until the Town funds are received to make the purchase. Ann stated that the quote for the purchase was good for 30 days. She stated there was enough money in the account to make the purchase of the new excavator. Lisa wanted to know if a license was necessary to operate it and if the park insurance policy needed to be increased. Dave stated that he did not believe operators needed a license and would check with the

insurance company regarding liability. Christaqin questioned if there was a difference between a new and used machine. Dave explained there was not a mechanical difference. The life span of these machines is anywhere between 10 -20 years. His experience has been that selling a fairly new machine results in receiving the original purchase price back. A motion was made by Jim to approve the purchase of the mini excavator and it was seconded by Ann. The motion was unanimously approved by the members.

Dave asked Claudia to outline her idea for building birdhouses for the park. She and other members would like to increase the wildlife in the park. Claudia and a friend have volunteered to build 4 - 6 bluebird houses as well as 1 or 2 screech owl nests. Ann wanted to know if monies were needed for the project. Claudia stated they had the wood to build the nesting boxes but would need funds for the metal stakes to support them. Ideas were discussed as to the location. Dave stated he would like to see an osprey nest if at all possible. He was going to check with Scott Kimble regarding finding and installing a telephone pole to support the nest. Dave also related how he and someone from Junot Trees had surveyed dead pines in the picnic area. It was decided to cut some dead branches but leave the trunk so animals and birds have a natural nesting area.

Chauncy asked Claudia if the Boy Scout troop had been in contact with her regarding camping on the weekend of April 23. She replied that they had and would provide the necessary insurance documents. Ann stated she has received the insurance documents from the Girl Scouts and would see that she got this in the near future.

Ann stated for tax purposes she would need a listing of all Commission Members, their address and phone numbers. She will be sending an email to all members in the near future.

A motion was made at 7:27 PM to adjourn the meeting by Jim and seconded by Ann. This also was unanimously approved by the members.