



Proceedings

BROWN CITY PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

AT THE BROWN CITY COMMUNITY ROOM, 4205 MAIN STREET [810-346-2325]

Present: Christine Lee, Louis Martus, Tara Owens, Mayor Julie Miller, City

Manager Clinton Holmes, City Clerk Rhonda Johnson.

Absent: Thomas Zyrowski, George Morris, Sean Hagey.

Guests: Ron Marion

No quorum. Meeting not called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES: Ron Marion asked to be considered as a member of the Park and Recreation Board. Membership is subject to approval of City Council. City Council meets July 12.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Initial Meeting of the Park and Recreation Board (PRB):
 - a. Next meeting: July 20, 2021
 - b. Questions concerning Ordinance 31.200: Discussion of history of Brown City Park and the legal reasons for establishing the Brown City Park and Recreation Board.
 - c. Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary: Discussion of who will facilitate the next meeting. Mayor Miller said she could facilitate the next meeting.
 - d. Consider By-Laws: Discussion of including allowing and/or requiring board members to appoint a substitute to attend meetings if unable to attend, and including the townships in communications of budget and minutes.
 - e. Discussion concerning finalizing Park and Recreation Plan –
 - i. City Manager Holmes discussed the need for a Park and Recreation Plan in order to be eligible for grant moneys. The State of Michigan announced that \$400 million of Federal Covid money would be used for grants through the DNR. Draft Plan by Sean Hagey is a start.
 - f. Need for Sub-Committee for emergency spending/policy decisions: Discussion of the need for a transparent, consistent and accountable procedural plan for decisions involving the spending of park mileage money.
2. Review of 2021/2022 Park Budget: Discussion of Brown City Park and Recreation Board is authorized by Ordinance 31.200 passed by Brown City Council to spend tax dollars from Park Millage. The original Articles of Incorporation for the Park Board of directors required the Board of Directors to raise money to support the park. When a millage was requested and accepted by Brown City voters, a Brown City Park and Recreation Board was required to oversee tax dollars.
3. Park Maintenance Priorities: Discussion of the need for transparency, public outreach and communication, improved and expanded parking and trails, expanded use of the park, increased community involvement, and acknowledgement of the Brown City Park being the largest park in the county.
4. Next regular meeting: July 20, 2021 at the Brown City Community Room 4205 Main Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Johnson
Clerk, City of Brown City