

Members in attendance: David Damaske, Ann Borgstrom, Bill Travis, Jeff Martin, Sue Stehling, Claudia Walsh

Others: Jay Mitchel and Frank Fessner – Town of East Bloomfield, and Matt McDonald and family – Park Security

President David Damaske called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION No. 19/04-1
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Jeff, seconded by Ann

RESOLVED that the minutes from March 7, 2019 BE APPROVED

Adopted Ayes 6 Nays 0

RESOLUTION No. 19/04-2
TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Ann Borgstrom provided the Financial report for February and presented vouchers to be paid. (Note: Tree service and Engineering Service vouchers to be separately addressed below.)

On motion of Bill, seconded by Dave

RESOLVED that the vouchers to be paid BE APPROVED

Adopted Ayes 6 Nays 0

RESOLUTION No. 19/04-3
ADDITIONAL SANITARY FACILITIES

- PortaPotti at East Dam will be added by May1st.
- Additional garbage containers will be added on May 1st.

On motion of Ann, seconded by Jeff

RESOLVED that the additional facilities be added by May 1st BE APPROVED

Adopted Ayes 6 Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 19-/04-4
Payment of Gomez Sullivan Invoice

A discussion was held regarding the payment of an invoice received from Gomez and Sullivan amounting to \$122,249.38 for services rendered for the BP Engineering Assessment. After some discussion it was decided to pay \$102,000 now and the remaining balance later, with \$10,000 to be paid after receipt of the draft report, and then the remaining \$10,249.38 paid upon receipt of the final report. (Note: the \$10,000 upon receipt of draft is contingent on Jeff and Bill's approval)

On motion of Bill, seconded by Jeff

RESOLVED that the invoice be paid as described above BE APPROVED

Adopted Ayes 6 Nays 0

RESOLUTION NO. 19-/04-5
Payment of Invoice for Tree Service

The Treasurer described the invoice for tree removal on the East Pond trail. Contractors and Board President determined that additional trees had partially fallen due to weakened soil/ root systems associated with rain and wind events. The additional trees were beyond the initial work scope, however their present state and proximity to the work site and public use of the trails presented a significant safety hazard. It was decided to mitigate the immediate safety hazard by taking the additional trees down and bringing the total cost to \$1,500.

On motion of Dave, seconded by Bill

RESOLVED that the additional tree work be authorized and that the subsequent invoice be approved for \$1500.

Adopted Ayes 6 Nays 0

EAGEL SCOUT PROJECT (West Pond Trail)

Jay Mitchel from the Town of East Bloomfield said he has made contact with a possible supplier of poles for the bridge and that he is waiting to hear back regarding the request.

UPDATE REGARDING DAMS ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT (EA)

A letter was received from Gomez and Sullivan this past week, however, it did not contain any new information. The draft engineering report expected by mid-March is delayed to April 12th. Jeff and Bill will review the report and send it out to Board members with remarks. He will also solicit comments from Board members at that time.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PARK SECURITY

Matt McDonald described how he was preparing for the 2019 season. He will be attending a meeting with Sheriff Henderson in order to secure more support and additional coverage within the park. Warnings for illegal parking will be issued, while towing, if necessary, possibly will be handled by the Sheriff's Department. He is also looking at camera systems and described a range of possible options.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-/04-6**ESTABLISH FACEBOOK PAGE**

Matt discussed that he had started a Facebook page last year in order to establish more direct communication with park users. He discussed how more timely information from users can help improve park security because it allows for much more timely and efficient follow-up response. (i.e. if security resources can get there when there is activity it is a lot more effective than getting there well after the fact) Once Matt determined the board's concern for Facebook technology, he took the site down.

During further discussion it was pointed out that the page could be also utilized to notify park goers when certain trails or park areas would be closed off for maintenance, safety reasons, etc. Additionally, events such as hikes, runs, and others can be posted. It was also mentioned that Mary Lyng's retirement is expected to leave a void because she coordinated much of the park communication with users and that the technology could help on this front to fill in some of the void. Previous concerns about the use of Facebook were raised and it was mentioned that many new Facebook controls are currently available to limit access and content. Also it was pointed out that, if desired later on, the Facebook page can be easily terminated.

On motion of Jeff, seconded by Ann

RESOLVED that a FACEBOOK PAGE will be implemented and that Matt McDonald and Claudia Walsh will manage the technology as co-administrators.

Adopted Ayes 6 Nays 0

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- The Board discussed Trail maintenance at length.
 - The trails are in terrible shape due to usage over time, weather, design, access with equipment etc. and some areas are now dangerous.
 - With the need for money for the dams it is hard to come up with money needed for trail maintenance.
 - The park needs volunteers, materials, money etc. before it will be able to address this urgent need.
 - Sue will look into “A Day of Caring”
 - Ann will have Kevin perform much needed maintenance at the East Pond Stairs.
 - The board will continue to seek solutions to trail needs.
- Ann described the heroic actions by Kevin to rescue a dog that had broken thru ice and was stranded in the pond. Kevin secured a boat to rescue the dog and then used his vehicle shelter to dry and warm the dog. Kevin will be away from April 10th to the 17th. The board was in complete agreement that Kevin’s quick thinking and actions should be recognized.

Adjournment

On motion of ?????, seconded by ?????, Motion approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by Jeff Martin

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Victor Town Hall Veteran’s Memorial Meeting Room on the 2nd floor.