

**Minutes
Village of Elk Rapids
Parks & Recreation Commission
September 3, 2020**

Present:

James Dake, Mike Conrad, Kwin Morris, Melissa West, Charlie Pryde, Paula Moyer

Excused: Gordon Stewart

Staff: Village Manager Bill Cooper.

Pryde calls meeting to order.

MOTION to approve agenda by West. Second by Morris. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Pryde notes Gordon Stewart's military service as mentioned at the August meeting. The commission is in awe of Gordon's service record and is grateful to have him on the commission.

MOTION by Dake to approve August minutes. Second by Moyer. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS: n/a

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Review of Parks and Recreation Commission 2020 annual report and discussion of 2020-2021 goals

Pryde goes through annual report. Many great accomplishments this year! Commission asked to list ideas/goals for the coming year.

- Moyer: adding pickleball lines to tennis courts. Moyer to lead a survey of local interest in the project.
- West: adding mountain bike features to existing nature trail in town. More options for teenagers fun.
- Conrad: developing a mountain bike skill learning course at Maplehurst, similar to vasa trail. Paula Moyer is a steward at Maplehurst and would like to help with this, as well as involving more people in volunteer trailbuilding. Friday from 10-12 is the trail volunteer time slot.
- West: a warming hut at the ice rink.
- Morris: mentions replacing the volleyball net at dam beach.

B. Review Parks and Recreation Commission 2020 budget

Commission agrees to try to dedicate budget to goals listed above. To be discussed further at future

meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Trees at memorial park

West suggests a subcommittee to evaluate tree situation at Memorial Park. Involve garden and beautification committee, DDA. Cooper suggests using a communication form to start the subcommittee. Pryde and West to take the lead on drafting a communication form.

B. Handrails and steps at Memorial Park

Pryde will call Marcus at DPW to assess the situation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

West: STR ordinance was passed by council. Details are available on village website. An electric car charging spot was discussed.

October meeting to be a bike around town to assess parks.

MOTION by Morris to Adjourn. Second by West. Meeting adjourned.

