

**Minutes  
Village of Elk Rapids  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
May 6, 2021**

Present:

James Dake, Mike Conrad, Charlie Pryde, Gordon Stewart

Staff: Village Manager Brian Gruesbeck.

Dake calls meeting to order.

**Motion** to approve agenda by Pryde. Second by Stewart. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** to approve last meeting minutes by Pryde. Second by Stewart. **Motion carried.**

**Citizen Comments:** n/a

**New Business:**

Green ER Update: Royce Ragland. Bass Lake Park proposal. Best Practices model proposition. Green ER wishes to model shoreline restoration, drainage swales, shoreline management, etc. Kewadin boat launch is an example. Have also surveyed other sites that have been improved. Prefer to use the same company that has done other local work, Inhabitect. Good opportunity for community improvement. Not a tourist attraction, rather a local community improvement. Bass Lake adjacent property owners have shown interest. Budget: \$40k. Could drop to 25-30 with expected local contribution. Concept plan is first step for \$1800. Green ER wants to contribute and offers Parks and Rec the opportunity to contribute/be involved.

Cheryl Bachman comment: Bass Lake property owner. Speaks in favor of improvement project. She is in the Garden Club and happy to help. Believes there would be lots of willingness to help with physical work.

**Motion** by Pryde to support conceptual plan project with a \$900 contribution. Second by Conrad. Discussion: Dake- contractual and professional services budget with \$3500 can support the contribution of \$900. **Motion Carried.**

**Election of New Officers:**

**Motion** by Stewart to nominate Melissa West for Chairperson. Second by Conrad. **Motion Carries.**

**Motion** by Stewart to nominate Dake for Vice Chair. Second by Conrad. **Motion Carries.**

**Motion** by Stewart nominates Conrad for Secretary. Second by Pryde. **Motion Carries.**

Review of proposed ordinance for commissioner selection: Commission recommends that we are all more informed on potential nominees for new commissioners.

Review of proposed ordinance for vendors:

**Motion** by Stewart that Commission recommends that preference be given to locally based businesses and non-profits and those with a minimal footprint. Vendors should provide a financial or non-financial benefit to the Village. Second by Pryde. **Motion Carries.**

Riverwalk adjacent parking space: The space is village property. Discussion: Stewart--add a bike rack, more gardens by Garden Club possibly.

**Unfinished Business:**

Spring into SummER: still postponed

Budget: 5k in general capital, 3500 in contractual

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Council Report: Pryde- Retreat on Saturday to review strategic plan from 8-11am. Will be on zoom for citizen comment/viewing.

Motion by Stewart to Adjourn. Second by Conrad. Meeting adjourned.