



**12 N. Charles, White Cloud, MI 49349
Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes
August 4, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.**

1. Meeting Called to Order

Member Barnhard called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m.

Attendees: Lori Shears, Don Barnhard, April Storms, Mary Bleiler, Ed Canning

Absent: None

Staff present: Kelli Arnold Public in Attendance: None

2. Set/Amend Agenda

Agenda presented for the regular Parks & Rec committee for August 4, 2022. Shears would like to add Discussion Item letter (i) Boomerang and Canning would like to add letter (j) School.

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Bleiler to set agenda with additional discussion items.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Abs-None **Motion Carried**

3. Minutes of June 2, 2022

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on June 2, 2022, were presented for consideration.

Motion by Canning, **Supported** by Shears to approve and accept the June 2, 2022, Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Abs-None **Motion Carried**

4. Discussion Items

a. Yard of the Month

Shari Burgess was the July Yard of the Month winner. Shari was the first recipient of the “Yard of the Month” award for the City. Nominations were taken by the Public; City Council members were given a list of the top nominees and they drove around town to judge the nominees.

b. Smith Park Updates

Smith Park updates include wi-fi for public use, security cameras and working drinking fountains. T-Mobile grant was submitted for improvements at Smith Park, awaiting word on that grant.

Roger Smith is working with the Knights of Columbus and the Fremont Area Foundation for funding a new flagpole, flag, and sign for the park.

c. Skate Park Equipment

City Manager received a quote to restore the equipment for the skate park, the amount was \$7626.00. Parks and Rec committee felt that amount of money could be used on other items that could be added to the park.

d. Mill Pond Dock Replacement

Dock needs replacement. DPW would like to use composite material due to its durability and the cost of cedar being pricey and requiring a lot of upkeep. Potentially a Fall 2022 project.

e. Swim Lessons update

Mary Arends Lamach was again the instructor for swim lessons. There were 35 participants total this year. Age groups are 3 years old and up.

f. Rotary Park Playground Equipment

Playground equipment is on order, estimated delivery is Fall 2022.

g. Campground annual visit

As part of the County campground lease, the parks and Rec committee are to visit the park annually. The annual visit was June 21st. Nic (Newaygo County Parks Director) showed those in attendance the progress the County has made with the park & shared plans for future improvements. Day Pass window stickers were given to City office staff for any City resident to gain access to the park for day use.

h. Action Plan – Parks update

Covered in discussion item b and f

i. Boomerang

Boomerang will dissolve the senior class accounts they have done in the past. Moving forward they will be doing Community service/community programs. Asked committee if there is something on the Recreational facilities that Boomerang could take on.

j. WCPS

First day of school is August 29th. Fall sports begin August 8th. Improvements are being made to the schools and have been made at the Memorial field entrance.

5. Public Comment

None

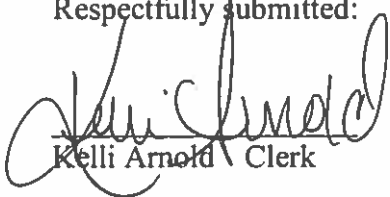
6. Correspondence

7. Adjournment

Motion by Shears, **Supported** by Bleiler to adjourn the Parks & Recreation meeting at 7:58 a.m.

Vote: Ayes- All Nays- None Abs- None **Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted:


Kelli Arnold Clerk

Approved on: 10/6/2022