

GERRISH TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING
March 10, 2015

Special meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Supervisor Homola, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Link and Trustee Lippert. Others present: 12 citizens

Motion by Patchin, second by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board enter into a special hearing on the Board's intention to apply for a 2015 MNRTF Developmental Grant for improvements proposed improvements at the Gerrish Township Municipal Park.

Leasa Tulgetske from the Gerrish Township Parks and Recreation Committee showed the schematic design explaining the adjacent 20 acres of land that was recently obtained from the State of Michigan for parks and recreation purposes in a land swap. With the additional 20 acres west/adjacent to the existing park which will allow expanded recreational opportunities at the larger Municipal Park facility. The proposed improvements may include a barrier-free play structure (ADA compliant), a new barrier-free restroom building (separated from the existing Township offices) to be used specifically for the park, a dog park, pickle ball courts and adding walking trails in the new 20 acres of the park. Potential for fitness stations around trail along with raised community gardens. The Park is located behind the Township Offices at 2997 East Higgins Lake Drive, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

Questions Asked: What material would be used for the trails? Would they be paved? Have we inquired about the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant? Have we talked to Lyon Township about their recent park for any suggestions they have? Have we looked into the Roscommon Community Foundation for a possible grant? When is grant application submitted? Concerns that public will not use park.

Board Answers: Paths would not be paved at this time but we would like to pursue that in future. We have not applied for other grants at this time for the project but have received a \$40,000 grant from the Roscommon Rotary. We will talk to Lyon Township about any suggestions they have from their recent project. Grant application is submitted April 1, 2015 and determination will be known November 2015. Parks are in the top 5 reasons for determining an area to vacation and reside in.

Motion by Lippert, second by Patchin: CARRIED
that the Board exit the special hearing on the proposed application for a 2015 MNTRF Development Grant.

Public Comment and Announcements: Suggestion of adding a bike rack in the park

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

Frank Homola, Supervisor

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