

PARK COMMISSION
Erie Township
Erie, Michigan
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Park Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Erie Township Hall, Erie, Michigan.

2. ROLL CALL

Jackie Cowdrey Present
Melissa Bomia Present
Jennifer Mishka Present
Darlene Andrzejewski Present
Diane La Plante Present

Also present: Kristine Crammond, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane La Plante mentioned Dan Taylor's name was misspelled on page 2 # 8.

- Melissa Bomia made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction.
Diane La Plante seconded. Motion carried.

5. BUDGET

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to approve the budget ending 01/31/2021 and place on file.
Melissa Bomia seconded. Motion carried.

6. MAPLEWOOD PARK SURVEILLANCE

Melissa Bomia had contacted Chad Yenor requesting a surveillance camera quote for Maplewood Park.

The Sunset Security, LLC quote was reviewed by Park Commissioners.

Danny Taylor commented the cameras could be intrusive to the residents that live around the park.

People renting the park would not want to be on camera. He stated the basketball players do not cause trouble. Danny Taylor suggested putting a timer on the light at the basketball court.

Jackie Cowdrey stated personal phones could be subject to FOIA.

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to table the surveillance cameras at Maplewood Park until another incident would warrant looking at it again. At that time, Chad Yenor would be asked to come in to answer other questions. Melissa Bomia seconded. Motion carried.

7. Continue discussion of maintenance of walking trail and dike at South Erie / Grace Connolly Park.

An aerial view map of South Erie Park was displayed so the Park Commissioners could view the scope of the work that needs to be completed.

Danny Taylor gave a quote in October 2020 of \$5500.00 to raise the height of the walking trail at South Erie Park (approximately 100 feet in length) to the dike. It was discussed that Danny Taylor is the

maintenance person for the park that it is not necessary to bid the project out as the job could be done in house.

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to have the maintenance person build up the walking trail with the grindings in the park. Melissa Bomia seconded. Motion carried.

Jennifer Mishka spoke to the Deputy Drain Commissioner Tim Csurgo on January 22, 2021. Jennifer discussed clearing the south side of the ditch. She was told the Drain Commission does not have an issue with the township maintaining the easement as long as a permanent structure is not built. It is not up to the Drain Commission to give permission to keep the dike maintained. The removal of stumps and brush is greatly appreciated and makes their jobs easier. The Drain Commission only cleans the drains every 20 -30 years. Jennifer stated Mr. Csurgo would not put anything in writing.

Dan Taylor as maintenance person is able to rent the equipment to mulch and clear out the brush and small trees on the South side of the dike.

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to have the clearing of shrubs and trees on the south side of the dike done in house by the maintenance person. The bigger trees are to be bid out for cutting and the wood removed at that time. Melissa Bomia seconded. Motion carried.

Jackie Cowdrey asked for a vote.

Jackie Cowdrey	Yes	
Jennifer Mishka	Yes	
Melissa Bomia	Yes	
Diane La Plante	Yes	(People removing large trees are to be licensed and insured.)
Darlene Andrzejewski	Yes	

8. Schedule Spring Walk-Through

The Spring Walk Through is scheduled Sunday March 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm. Everyone is to meet at Maplewood Park.

9. Member Comment & Public Comment

Member Comment:

Diane La Plante would like to have the Park Commissioners look at and update the By-laws of the Erie Township Park Board. The most recent By-laws were completed in February 1999.

Public Comment:

There was no Public Comment.

10. Adjournment

Jennifer Mishka made a motion to adjourn. Melissa Bomia seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine Crammond
Recording Secretary

