

PARK COMMISSION
Erie Township
Erie, Michigan
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2020

APPROVED

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Kevin Skaggs Present
Eric Carsner Present
Jennifer Mishka Present
Darlene Andrzejewski Present
Diane La Plante Present

Also present: Kristine Crammond, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Park Commission meeting. Diane La Plante seconded. Motion carried.

4. BUDGET

- Eric Carsner made a motion to approve the budget reports ending 06/30/2020 & 07/31/2020 and place them on file. Jennifer Mishka seconded. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS

Park Maintenance

A. Extra set of safety mats for home plate were ordered.

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to purchase the mats at \$375.30. The purchase of these items are to be paid out of the 2019-2020 Park budget. Eric Carsner seconded. Motion carried.
- Diane La Plante made a motion to approve the purchase of four sets of mats, batter's box mats, back stop matting, thud pad. These items were purchased in June 2019. Jennifer Mishka seconded. Motion carried.

B. Kevin Skaggs stated Lajiness Portable Restrooms will be moving the porta john by ball field # three closer to ball fields one and two. This will be done by 07/20/2020.

C. Cindy Cichy at the Township located end caps for park bleachers at a total cost of 191.00. The total purchase is for 12- 2" x 10" end caps.

- Jennifer Mishka made a motion to approve the purchase of the end caps. Darlene Andrzejewski seconded. Motion carried. **Architectural Systems Group, 92 Veterans Dr. Holland, Michigan 49423.**

D. Signage

Kevin stated the signs at the parks need to be updated. The signs need to reflect park usage and rental times.

The Erie Township Ordinance # 66-A states the parks are not to be used after the hours of 11pm each day and before the hours of 6am of the following day. Public parks are to stay open year round.

The Erie Township Park Rental Agreement states the parks open at 9:00 am and close at 10:00 pm. The new signs need to reflect park usage times and park rental times.

Kevin Skaggs stated the screen is being re-installed at Maplewood Park Basketball court due to a complaint concerning issues with noise and dog barking. The screen was previously installed in 2017.

E. Park Gate Removal

The gate at Maplewood Park is to be removed and stored at South Erie Park. The removal of the gate at Maplewood is due to the change of hours and usage. The previous board requested removal in November 2016 and the project was never completed. The gate at South Erie Park is open to the parking area. The inside gates remain locked for safety concerns, potential vandalism and theft from the parks. Eric Carsner stated the back gate at South Erie Park remains open.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sidney Hutchinson-2062 Wilson – Erie, Michigan

Sidney stated Maplewood is a small subdivision. The park gets loud. She asked the Park Commissioners to consider posting a sign that would request basketball court usage from the hours of 9am until 9pm. She stated the police department does not respond to her complaints.

Joshua Dunn – 9885 Lincoln Street – Erie Michigan

Joshua stated there are times people congregate in Maplewood Park after closing-around 2am-3am. The police do not respond to complaints quickly.

Kevin Skaggs stated Park Commissioners should check with police chief about complaint calls from Erie residents regarding the parks during and after hours.

A sign stating basket ball court usage from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm needs to be discussed with the Township attorney prior to implementing.

Diane La Plante stated Morin Point Park looks great. The old trailers and boats have been removed. Thanks to the Police Department. South Erie Park looks great. Thanks to Dan Taylor.

The next Park Commission meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2020 @ 7pm at Maplewood Park.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Darlene Andrzejewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Mishka seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine Crammond
Recording Secretary