

PARK COMMISSION
Erie Township
Erie, Michigan
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Kim Cousino, Recording Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane La Plante moved supported by Darlene Andrzejewski to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023 regular meeting & the April 21, 2023 park walk-through. Motion carried.

5. BUDGET

Jackie Cowdrey moved supported by Diane La Plante to approve and place on file the budget as presented. Motion carried.

6. 2023 – 2024 BUDGET

Discussion was held over the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget and planned expenses and possible projects. The commissioners agreed to keep the budget the same as last year, but to increase the repair and maintenance line by \$5,000.

Jackie Cowdrey moved supported by Diane La Plante to request a total budget of \$93,000, keeping all line items the same, except to increase the repair and maintenance by an additional \$5,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote, all in favor.

7. PARK WALK THROUGH NOTES

Diane La Plante moved, supported by Jackie Cowdrey to request ARPA funds from the township board to trim/remove dead trees at Grace Connolly/South Erie Park. Motion carried.

Diane La Plante moved, supported by Jackie Cowdrey to purchase two additional doggy poop bag dispensers for the parks. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding an email communication from resident, Russell Marriott, asking if the township is interested in trees for the parks. Kim said she will follow up with him to see what he has left, if any.

A rough estimate to remove the dead trees at Grace Connolly Park/South Erie will need to be obtained to determine if the work will need to be solicited for bids.

Jackie Cowdrey stated that the Jr. National Honor Society could power wash the pavilion and small playscape at Maplewood for service hours. Jackie will provide the power washer and coordinate with the group.

The large tube slide at Maplewood Park has a plexiglass window that is cracked, Kim will follow up with Miracle Playground Equipment regarding a warranty.

Discussion was held regarding new swings for all parks and the possibility of ordering an inclusive swing set for both Maplewood and for Grace Connolly Park/South Erie. We need a final count of how many baby swings and regular swings to order.

Park Commissioners were provided with communication from residents Sib Slagle and Doug Meisner regarding the pickleball courts that are to be incorporated in the resurfaced Maplewood basketball court this summer. They provided a layout of the courts for reference and discussion; the courts should face north/south due to sun, a ball stop will be needed in between the courts, and they are requesting two additional courts be installed for a total of four courts. Discussion was held and the consensus of the park commissioners is to continue with the plans as approved which is for two pickleball courts and two basketball courts; if there is a need or increased request for additional pickleball courts in the future they will look into expanding the courts at that time.

Member & Public Comment

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Jackie Cowdrey moved supported by Darlene Andrzejewski to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary