

PARK COMMISSION  
Erie Township  
Erie, Michigan  
Regular Meeting  
October 10, 2024

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular Meeting of the Erie Township Park Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Erie Township Hall, Erie, Michigan on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Jackie Cowdrey	Absent-excused
Melissa Bomia	Absent-excused
Jennifer Mishka	Present
Darlene Andrezejewski	Present
Diane La Plante	Present

Also Present: Jolene Upchurch

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Prayer was said by Diane La Plante

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Diane La Plante moved, supported by Darlene Andrezejewski, to approve the minutes from September 12, 2024 as presented. Motion carried

**5. BUDGET**

Diane La Plante moved, supported by Darlene Andrezejewski, to approve the budget that the portable restroom invoice was put on the proper line, thanks for Kim Cousino for fixing it. Motion Carried

**6. FOLLOW UP FENCE LINE**

Lots of discussion, letter in packet was sent to all residents on Merie Street. Per Jolene Upchurch, Mike Demski has program to get all addresses and labels if needed to send out letters. Jen Mishka stated that Danny Taylor has sprayed. Diane LaPlante mentioned that Dan Taylor and Jason Cousino are taking turns on spraying and Dan is cutting back our side. We need to spray several times a summer and spring before it even starts so it can be kept up.

Jen Mishka stated that she walked the South Erie Park and took pictures, called Jackie Cowdrey and stated we need to send letters to the residents. The complaint was in regards to the address at 2420 Merie Street stating the grapevines were on the fence.

**7. WATER FOUNTAINS**

An email was read by Diane La Plante from Kim stating the company that did the old fountains is no longer in business (attached old invoice). Diane said she is not in charge

of doing research on fountains, she was asked by Dan Taylor to discuss purchasing new ones. Jolene Upchurch said she would get us a catalog from Kirby, a park supplier for City of Luna Pier. We will be able to look through it for next meeting. Jennifer Mishka suggested we do some research on the cost since it is end of season and then consider purchasing in the spring for a possible install at Maplewood and South Erie only.

#### **8. ADA PATHWAY**

Much discussion on this subject. Jen reached out to Mike Grodi during meeting with questions. It is a matching grant of \$2,500.00. We were asked for \$5,500.00 up front, if awarded grant we will only be putting in \$3,000.00 for upgrade to side walk (picture attached in packet and bid).

Diane LaPlante moved, supported by Jennifer Mishka for an ADA sidewalk at Maplewood Park from AA Boos not to exceed \$5,500.00. Roll called; Diane La Plante-yes, Darlene Andrzejewski-yes, Jennifer Mishka-yes. Motion carried. Thanks to Mike Grodi for his work on this.

#### **Member & Public Comment**

Jolene Upchurch said thanks for letting her talk during meeting as she said what she needed at that time.

Jennifer Mishka discussed pickle ball courts at Morin Point Park and did research on retractable nets. They are on wheels and are between \$1,000.00 up to \$3,000.00. Too big and bulky and she suggested to wait until spring since we are going into winter. Possibly get a deck box chained to fence and putting a non-expensive portable net in it for use. Diane La Plante asked if anyone even asked for this and Jen stated yes and feel as if it would be used more than the basketball court.

Discussed parking issue at Morin Point Park area and Diane La Plante said Frank with Erie PD has been assigned to take care of blight and Jen Mishka and Diane La Plante both said township has been cleaning it up. Diane said since fire risk management has been brought to attention from Lawyer.

Discussed water at Grace Connley Park that the water spigot is being left on or kids are playing in water. Discussed getting a lock back on it and when the park is rented then the key will be given for that.

Thank you to Jolene for your input and knowledge and also getting catalog.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Darlene Andrzejewski moved, supported by Diane La Plante to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Meeting adjourned.