St. Clair Township Park Committee Meeting Minutes 01/09/2024

Meeting to order 7:00pm

Present: Bob Buechler, Brian Dulski, Don Wallace, Shelly Korves, Tonda VanHoos

Guest: none

Tonda motion to approve minutes, Second Don, Approved

Public Comment:

none

Centennial Park:

- Reimbursement check wasn't signed by MEPRED, so behind, but will be signed and mailed 01/10/24.
- Rerocked entire trail.
- Dog waste bag stations are working. Less dog waste noticed.
- Became aware of IDNR grant opportunity for trail repair/maintenance. Will explore requirements for application.
- Potential remains for \$100,000 state appropriation.
- Projects to potentially include: redo the 2 small picnic table pavilions, reinstall a new small picnic table pavilion in place of the one that was removed for repair of the walking path, the informational sign, additional parking, bridge decking, path through the open lot to connect Castle Acres to Centennial.
- Wolf Branch owns hockey rink and township leases it. We would have to have the property either purchased or turned over to the township. We will explore if it is possible to run the MEPRD grant through Wolf Branch or if it is required to have ownership of the property.

Loop Creek:

- Consider a basketball court resurfacing/reconstruction into MEPRD grant.
- About six years ago the full board approved a replacement swing set for the one that was vandalized. Shelly to investigate.

Wolf Branch/Whiteside/High Mount:

- Dulski to contact WB School Board/admin to discuss how to partner on potential grant.
- Township owns tennis courts at Whiteside, so will continue to maintain. Consider placing a trail cam to ascertain usage.

Park Programming

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Good of the Order:

• Shelly and Bob had to leave at about 7:30 to address a security alarm at the sewer plant.

Don motion to adjourn, Tonda seconded, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm.