

2019 Thru 2023 Recreation Plan

Special Meeting/Public Hearing #1

Mecosta Township Board

19729 11 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI.

January 8, 2019/ unapproved minutes

Prepared by: Lois Brennan, Mecosta Township Clerk

1. Supervisor Michele Graham, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** – Mary Quinlan, Lois Brennan, Michele Graham present. James Cain, John Johnson – absent.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept agenda Lois Brennan 2nd. All – aye. Motion carried.
5. **New Business**

A. **Recreation Plan** – a brief overview of the proposed 2019-2023 Recreational Plan was given by Michele Graham. Outlined were 3 surveys just received, read by Michele Graham. A letter from Consumers Energy representative Brooke McTaggart, Land & Recreation Management Dept. commenting on a canoe/kayak slide portage on the east side of Rogers Dam and that Consumers Energy looks forward to working with the Township to help maximize the recreation opportunities in Mecosta Township.

1. **Comments** – Let the record show that James Cain joined the meeting at 5:36pm. Howard Bowersox spoke regarding the several surveys that were returned during this process. Seeing that the mindset of the community seems to match the direction the Planning Commission is going.

Tom O’Neil spoke siting that we had several good ideas, agreeing with getting the township hall property updated for families and children, but was opposed to the idea of a bike trail (bike trails) on public roadways.

James Sandy spoke regarding the inclusion of Canadian Lakes golf courses in the recreational plan. Over all the new plan looks great!

2. **Discussion Twp. Board** – we have discussed the recreational plan for several months following the progression with the Planning Commission. The Board is excited of improving properties to facilitate family activities in our community. The Board appreciates input from all persons regarding what they feel is best or not the best for our community.

6. **Brief Public Comment** – None heard.

7. **Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.