

2019 Thru 2023 Recreation Plan

Special Meeting/Public Hearing #3

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 5:50pm
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call** – John Johnson, Mary Quinlan, Lois Brennan, James Cain, Michele Graham – all present.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion made by Mary Quinlan to accept agenda as presented. James Cain 2nd. All – aye. Motion carried.
5. **New Business**

A. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant – Howard Bowersox chair of the Planning Commission elaborated as to what the grant is, it has been proposed that the Township apply for a grant for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund which provides up to a 75% grant funding, which would mean the Townships match would be 25%. The proposal is that we would put a playscape and picnic area in adjacent to the Township hall which would be aimed at the younger people that come to the area for recreation it is also aimed at the health benefits and getting people active. The playscape/picnic area will not be a covered structure, as there is natural cover with existing trees. The area would have 6 to 8 picnic tables a grill universally accessible a professional facility for the kids. It would be located to where it over looks the ball field and compliments the already existing frisbee golf course. Discussion with the Board shows that the project is estimated to cost between \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

1. Public Input – None heard.

B. Grant Request - Motion made by Mary Quinlan in the form of Resolution 2019-002 to allow the Township Board to apply for a resource grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund up to \$25,000.00 match. Lois Brennan 2nd. Roll Call: Mary Quinlan – yes, Lois Brennan – yes, John Johnson – yes, James Cain – yes, Michele Graham – yes.

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

7. **Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm.