

**Long Lake Park Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room**

The Long Lake Park Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room.

Long Lake Park Point Committee members in attendance were Kurt Pratel, Gerald Fournier, Jesse Osmer, and Bob Adrian. Also in attendance: Manager Sarah Jore; Assistant Manager Cathey Skerski, County Maintenance Superintendent Wes Wilder (via telephone if needed); County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah; and County Board Assistant/Parks Recording Secretary Lynn Bunting.

I. Selection of Chairperson for Committee

Kurt reported he spoke with Jesse and Gerald and they concurred with Kurt being the Chair of the Long Lake Park Committee. Moved by Jesse Osmer and supported by Gerald Fournier to approve that Kurt Pratel be the Chair of the Long Lake Park Committee for 2023. Motion carried.

Chair Pratel called the meeting to Order.

II. Long Lake Park Home Repairs Status

Manager Sarah Jore reported that the water softener and the other device needs to be taken out of the closet and Wes & his crew will disconnect it so that the contractor can do the flooring and when the work is completed Wes and crew will put them back. Sarah reported that the repairs will be done before the parks open. Assistant Manager Cathy informed the contractor to have the repairs completed by May 1, 2023.

Discussion on smell/odor and paying for a well that may be not used. Bob Adrian reported that there a couple of wells supposed to be feeding the park from the older South Bathhouse and one of them seems not to be working and is checking into a commercial treatment recommended by Kevin of the Health Department. Culligan has a machine and it was recommended to follow up and get proposals with \$10,000 budgeted for 2023 to address this issue. Discussion and recommended to fix up and treat the water that goes to the campsites first. Bob reported that he will make some phone calls and work with Sarah.

III. Long Lake Park Boat Launch Project Update

Administrator Hannah reported that the plans are with the DNR for review and that she spoke with the grant representative regarding the state appropriation and will need extension. Administrator Hannah reported that the concern is on the DNR side and Y&R will not reimburse until DNR approves the plans.

IV. County Parks Ordinance – Noise and Power Launching Approval/Update

Administrator Hannah reported that this was tabled and has it coming back at the Parks Commission meeting and once approved will go to Full Board of Commissioners for review/approval.

V. Adding Satellite Capacity

Chair Pratel reported to have security cameras at the south area of the park to allow additional security cameras at the south bathhouse and play areas and with the new boat launch. Manager Sarah requested internet satellite communication cameras pointing at new bathhouse and to get more and have them go

farther to get cameras to work at the other end of the park for surveillance. Sarah informed the committee that she will need to purchase 6 more and estimated \$100 for three (two sets) total \$200 then purchase cameras \$68 rotational or \$32 regular outdoor camera. Sarah reported that she has always had her own. Moved by Gerald Fournier and supported by Kurt Pratel to approve manager purchase two cameras at \$68 each and four cameras at \$32 each with a total of \$540 to be paid out of the equipment line item #208-759-931. Motion carried.

VI. Conversion of Old Closed Bathroom Area

Chair Kurt reported Sarah recommends to turn old closed bathroom area into an indoor playroom (mens side of the old bathhouse) and will need to replace door and put door with windows in it, security cameras, patch floor where cement walls used to be, make walls even, paint, and put toys in there. Sarah will do a written project description with costs associated with it and bring to next meeting. Table until next meeting. Assistant Manager Cathy informed the committee that the door needs to be replaced as it was repaired last year and is not in good shape. Bob reminded the committee that the Township Building Inspector will need a permit issued in order to replace the door.

VII. Long Lake Park Stump Removal Update, Camping Sites, Free Day Use Area

Sarah reported that Wes and crew did a ton of them and gave an update.

VIII. Long Lake Park Camp Hosts Update for 2023 Camping Season

Sarah reported Ernie & Shane Donnon will come back as Camp Hosts for 2023 and she will ask Darrell and if not full time maybe part time host and pay one-half of his site.

IX. Long Lake Park 2023 Budget Review and Update

- a) Long Lake Park Water/Sulfur smell issue already discussed above.
- b) Y&R Grant Match for Long Lake Park Day Use Area – Chair Kurt & Manager Sarah will follow up on this. (**Concrete pads, concrete mesh, lumber, 4 tables and 6 grills**) Bob reported he will come out with his tractor and help. Mary Catherine reported that Wes and crew can help with concrete possibly in May 2023. Discussion on concrete tables with benches. Mary Catherine reported that she will contact Tammy Bates and reach out to the college and pass information along to Bob.

X. LONG LAKE PARK MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT

No report and items covered in agenda.

XI. DNR MI Sparks Grant Update

Mary Catherine reported that the application is included in the meeting packet and was submitted and should know results next week. If not successful in first round are automatically submitted in the next rounds. Other grant possibilities are included on the agenda for review and discussion. Mary Catherine explained each grant.

Discussion on trails and upkeep of trail system and groomed and how much it increases the job. Quote fines for gravel. Current trail is one mile and proposing a trail for three miles. Mary Catherine will email to everyone the trails that Marty Thomson specked out. Discussion and recommendation to apply to other grants if needed to do a Playgrounds and Trails project.

Bob mentioned to check out low area in corner of parking lot into the woods where it drops down as it could possibly be a start of a sinkhole.

XIII. AMA District 14 Ice Racing

Chair Pratel reported that the AMA District 14 will hold an event (National Group with motorcycles and ATVs racing) on Long Lake the weekend of February 18-19th next month and they requested to use Long Lake Park Office for registrations and parking area and pedestrian view area around the lake. Mary Catherine gave an update reporting that she spoke with Nathan Skibbe of Charter Township of Alpena and event coordinator Christopher Ice and they filled out the county use property form and will provide certificate of insurance with approval with a few conditions: no fires on campgrounds, Sarah will be there, limited camping with power only and no water with charge of \$50 for the weekend; Wes and his crew will plow Friday to open driveway and parking lot, but not authorized overtime if it snows overnight and she informed Nathan Skibbe that they will need to play and leave the campground as it was. They will be bringing out portajohns and will cleanup, and has a signed agreement. Sarah reported that she will be charging everyone that is plugging in and using power and has been working on cleaning the office. Motorcycles and ATVs racing on the ice (National Group).

OTHER DISCUSSION

Jesse reported that he spoke with Bob Adrian and wanted to inform the committee also that he will be stepping back a little bit and attend when he can; Bob will attend the Long Lake Park Committee meetings and assist the Long Lake Park Committee.

Administrator Hannah reported that there is nothing in the park bylaws to prevent having additional outside committee members and recommended to do a revision and include in the bylaws; she will work on a draft to present.

Assistant Manager Cathy reported that the committee buy a memory bench in memory of a family member and can place down at the day park as a suggestion. Chair Kurt reported that the Long Lake Association is interested in donating a tree to plant or donate memory benches. Administrator Hannah reminded the committee that there is no obligation to replace a donation or gift that is given.

***Next Meeting: February 23, 2023 at 11 a.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Jesse Osmer and supported by Gerald Fournier to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt A. Pratel

Kurt Pratel, Committee & PointPersons Chair
Long Lake Park Committee

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