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Town Leadership: Chair Kevin L. Comnick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2024

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal, Asst Fire Chief Clyde Mortinsen, and 1 guest. The meeting was held in person and virtually at the Canosia Town Hall.

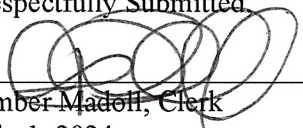
Chair Comnick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

- A. **SUPERVISOR ROLL CALL:** Chair Kevin Comnick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, and Supervisor Jeff Erikson were present.
- B. **PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Chairman Comnick stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the updates and plans for the Gearhart Erikson Recreation Area.
- C. **DISCUSSION:**
 - a. **Funding:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the DNR grant is still in process. The Lake Country Power request will not be reviewed until 6/10/24. An application to MNPower was not submitted. The request to Kolar Auto is in process. The school district is working on an annual contribution. They are also working on approving the repairs of the fencing that was damaged during the winter and there is to be a meeting between Supervisor Dieryck, Principal Hughes, and Superintendent Juntunen to discuss the use of the recreation area. Chairman Comnick stated that the DNR grant was for approximately 90K. He asked where the 45K matching would come from the township. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the 45K isn't just cash, but also in kind donations. Chairman Comnick stated that they need to make sure to collect the in kind donation invoices. Treasurer Borndahl stated that there was approximately 10K in the referendum fund, 17K in ARPA fund, and 30K in the recreation fund. Supervisor Dieryck stated that ARPA cannot be used towards the grant. Chairman Comnick stated that land value cannot either. He also stated that he was concerned about the grant's request for the land to be restricted for rec use. Supervisor Dieryck stated that she believed that the land had already been designated as such with the previous DNR grant. She stated that she will research the land status. Supervisor Dieryck also stated that she would like to fundraise additional funds for the recreation area. The board was in support.
 - b. **Items for consideration:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the swings have been purchased and will be installed tomorrow. Woodchips are being donated by Wastewood Recyclers. The board discussed the potential purchase of additional pickleball nets. Chairman Comnick stated that the ARPA funds should be used up and the board discussed how those funds could be used. They were in agreement that the swings and related installment work, dugout related work, as well as, the pickleball striping and net could be purchased with the funds. They were also in agreement of an additional camera for the township to be purchased and installed.
 - c. **Other:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that others were interested in the back baseball score board. The board was in agreement to keep it as it's township property and might be needed in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

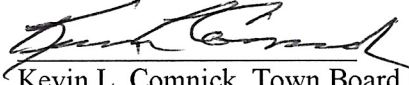
Motion by Penny Dieryck, seconded by Kevin Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Penny Dieryck, Jeff Erikson, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoff, Clerk
July 1, 2024

APPROVED:



Kevin L. Connick, Town Board Chair
July 1, 2024