

ALPINE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

February 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Don Bigger at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present - Don Bigger, Michelle Slykhouse, Michael Lasko, Jim May

Also Present - Greg Madura

Minutes from Last Meeting

N/A

Budget Report No Report

Standing Committees No Report

Old Business Mike asked if we could look at changing the meeting dates away from the second Tuesday of the month. Third Tuesday or second Wednesday of month were options of members. Chairperson Bigger will e-mail committee members with those days to see if we can all agree.

New Business Supervisor Madura gave the committee a report on a DNR Grant Presentation that he and Sue had attended this month. He said that Alpine Township would be sitting good as far as receiving an DNR grant, however the applications are due by March 1 each year.

The committee all agreed that there was not enough time left this year to put together a proper and complete grant application. The goal will be to work on the grant process this year and make application for a grant before the March 1, 2018 grant deadline.

Jim May said that he believed that we should hire Progressive Engineering to work with the Parks Committee and come up with an update plan of the Sports Complex that will guide us and be what the DNR would require in the grant application. This would include the surveys and drawing required by the DNR.

Chairperson Bigger reminded committee members that the committee has for the last several years asked the Township Board to consider hiring a Parks and Recreation Director to run sports programs. In the bigger picture, this would now include working with the committee, Supervisor, Township Board, and Progressive Engineering.

The committee believes if the Township is going to have parks and programs, there needs to be a Parks and Recreation Director to work with the citizens, other townships, cities, and established programs to be effective. The Director can join and attend local and state Parks and Recreation Association meetings and conventions, researching and obtaining knowledge and resources needed to make our parks and programs successful. A Director would be a great asset to the Township while researching, planning, and writing a DNR grant application. There is also audit work required by the DNR after grant work is done, the Director would be the main person responsible for this work too.

A motion was made by Slykhouse and seconded by Lasko that the committee recommend to the Township Board the following:

1. Hire a Parks and Recreation Director.
2. Hire Progressive Engineering to complete a study of the Sports Complex.
3. Apply for a DNR Grant before the March 1, 2018 deadline.

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by May, supported by Slykhouse.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.