APPROVED- Minutes Torch Lake Township Day Park Committee –AS PREPARED 3-0

October 15, 2015

Present: Leon Darga, Mary Schoenherr, Deborah Graber,

Absent: Michael Healey, Jeff Dawson

Audience: None

Alan Martel as Secretary/Facilitator

1. The minutes [10-01-2015]were accepted without changes by a motion that passed unanimously.
2. There was no correspondence and there were no announcements.
3. There was no citizen commentary.
4. Martel reported;
5. From a discussion with Burt Thompson the county road engineer, that they would keep jurisdiction of Dock Road because this is where the county snow plows turn around when removing snow in Torch Lake Village. We would need to request a Traffic Control Order from the Michigan State Police to have no parking signs placed along Public Dock Road. When parking on a county road, it is a violation if the vehicle is in the drivable portion of the roadway-the pavement area.
6. The title search found that we own the boat ramp and the pier at the end of Public Dock Road. The county deeded to the township that part of the county right-of way at the edge of Torch Lake eastward including the boat ramp and the pier which were in the county right-of –way. The county has the legal right to have and to maintain Public Dock Road. The ground under the roadway is owned by the property owner to the north, Susan Sarin.
7. Martel handed out a copy of a letter dated October 26, 1991 to the township board written by Bill Good in which he stated the following:

“I personally have been an advocate of the fact that the residence of Torch Lake Township that live inland must have access to our beautiful waters. However, I am very adamant that the parcel formerly known as Kathie’s will belong to the **Township and only the** **Township** or it will revert to the Good Family to use as we wish.”

1. A measurement from the north edge of the boat ramp to the south edge of the pier by Martel and Allen Davidson was 46.5 feet. The county right-of -way is 66 feet

The committee spent time discussing the statement by Bill Good and felt this was a meaningful purpose to which recommendations can be referenced. The committee sees the park as a community gathering place for planned and unplanned activities. That it be a family friendly place and managed such that it is also a “good neighbor” to the surrounding community.

The three main focus areas relate to function, safety and park improvements. There are a number of sub categories under these three focus areas. Many of them are interrelated and require consideration in all three areas. All of these will be reviewed for recommendations.

The committee was asked to give an up-date at the township board meeting on the 20th.

There will be a meeting Thursday October 22, 2015.