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Date: February 27, 2020

Torch Lake Township - Day Park Advisory Committee- Budget Study

Approved on June 11, 2020

1. Repeating Agenda
2. Call to Order 10:07 AM
3. Present:

Leon Darga, Wendy Davidson, Jim Meinke, Rite Service, Christine Szejbach and Robert (Bob) and Virginia Hawkins (on speaker phone).

Absent: Sue Sarin

Audience: Bob Cook, Deborah Graber, and Alan Martel as secretary.

1. Approval of Minutes:

February 19, 2020 Work Study, February 19, 2020 Regular Meeting were not ready for approval.

1. Approval of Agenda Content: -Approved by consensus.
2. Citizen Commentary- None
3. Agenda

A number of budget scenarios for the park were presented by Rita Service. It was decided to vote on those scenarios that seemed *least* likely to received board’s approval.

* Motion by Rita Service to eliminate the proposal (scenario #1) that would require payment by all users of the park, residents and non-residents, for parking, and use of the park. Seconded by Wendy Davidson. Passed 7-0.
* Motion by Rita Service to eliminate the proposal (scenario #4) that would close the boat ramp. Seconded by Wendy Davidson. Passed 7-0.

Discussion continued about Scenario #2 that there would be no change in the current fees for use of the boat ramp, but would charge non-residents a fee for parking and the launching kayaks.

* Wendy Davidson was not in favor of charging parking until there was more data.
* Bob Hawkins noted that $5.00 for parking would raise $27,000. Wendy Davidson thought it could lead to more parking in the neighborhood. Leon Darga said that because there was a lot of volunteer time last year, attendant cost will be higher than the $5500 that was spent last year.
* Jim Meinke felt that since it is too late to take jurisdiction of the road, it was too late to bring in parking fees, as well.
* Rita Service stated the safety, use control, and parking were the reason to have park attendants.
* Deb Graber thought it would be useful to collect data on parking. She noted that park attendants would be responsible for cleaning the bathrooms. She thought the committee could consider parking only on weekends.
* Jim Meinke noted that it would take one person full-time to manage parking.

Motion by Leon Darga to not charge any residents for any kind of use of the park. Seconded by Rita Service. Passed 6-0

Motion by Leon Darga that for this season collect data to get better data on parking and peak park use times, including peak periods and weekends, as well as collect data on use by non-residents. Seconded by Bob Hawkins. Passed 6-0.

Rita Service noted that in Scenario #6, she did not know how to identify non-residents.

Motion by Jim Meinke to accept Scenario #6 with emphasis on noting periods of peak parking times, the addition of $2500 for deep cleaning of the bathrooms and with a total payroll of $22,000 and an anticipated revenue from parking of $15,000. Seconded by Wendy Davidson. Passed 6-0.

Motion by Rita Service to ask the board by motion to make the park a public place and to make it a Smoke Free Environment.” Seconded by Jim Meinke. Discussion focused on the need for a compliance officer to enforce a smoking ban. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Next Meeting- Thursday March 12, 2020 beginning at 12:00 PM (noon).

1. Citizen Commentary- None
2. Committee Member Commentary- None
3. Adjournment- 11:50 AM