**Torch Bay Nature Preserve Board Meeting Minutes**

**June 18, 2021**

**Call to order 9:30**

**Attendance: Mary Van Valin, Melinda Murdock, Mark and Dee Jakubiak**

**Absent: Jerry Klinefelter**

**Audience: Bob Cook**

**1. Public Commentary**

**Bob Cook informed us that the fire lane has been approved. The fire lane is only for the turn around section for emergency vehicles at the west end of the road. No Parking signs will be installed with notice of a $500 fine and towing at owner’s expense. Before the signs are installed, the existing parking will be increased by 120’. The township’s attorney will be putting together a proposal to amend the conservation easement to allow for the increased parking spaces. Hopefully, construction can begin this season.**

**2. Approval of minutes of 5/21/21 meeting**

**Dee made the motion, Mark seconded, all were in favor**

**3. Old Business**

**A. Parking discussed during public commentary. We are in agreement to install additional parking spaces in order to get parking restrictions at the west end of the road. This committee is appreciative of the efforts of fire chief Kevin Lane and township supervisor Bob Cook in working this out**

**B. Signs**

**Design work is finished. Signs will show Preserve Boundary, not Park Boundary as previous signs did.**

**We discussed what type of posts to affix the signs to and will be researching possibilities.**

**Mark motioned to proceed with the signs, Dee seconded, all were in favor**

**C. Fencing**

**Posts with cables or chains will be installed at the north and south preserve boundaries.**

**D. Portable privy**

**Will not be provided this summer because of the construction of additional parking spaces. Restrooms are available at the day park**

**New Business**

**1. Trail Maintenance**

**Jerry will meet with Zack Goznell to clear the eastern loop of downed trees and a log blocking the high ridge trail**

**2. Installation of signs**

**The signs will probably be finished in August. We will hire someone to help install**

**Adjournment 10:20**

**We will schedule our next**