

Claybanks Township Park Committee

Minutes of Initial Meeting

Dec 1, 2021 Town hall 7:30 pm

Jesse Ciscenos, Connie Campagna, Mark Kutches, Peter Shlagor Attending. Steve Jancek absent

New Business:

1. Chairperson election. No person present other than Pete felt comfortable running a meeting. Pete elected chairman by acclamation.
2. The procedure requirements for obtaining a permit to construct a new toilet were reviewed. Permits must be obtained from the local health department and the DNR division of EGLE.
3. Since it's very likely the cost of a new toilet will exceed the base amount of \$15,000, a "stamped" engineer's drawing is required to be submitted with the application. That drawing for a septic tank/vault/field is best served with a to-scale topographical survey detailing existing features. We examined two survey proposals for applicability to the primary charge of "preparing a proposal to replace the condemned toilet." Both are very interesting and excellent service providers. The proposal from WestShore Engineering included soil borings and classification as well as communicating with the health department. Totaling \$2400. It has been determined the borings, classifications, and field design is determined by the health department, so backing that out leaves a fee of \$1400. The second proposal from Prein & Newhof is \$4000 for a drone assisted survey via xray plus \$1000 for preliminary septic sizing and cost estimate, totaling \$5,000. The sizing will be done by the health department so it's tempting to drop that extra \$1000, but the cost estimate is attractive. Weaknesses of the systems are: Grass interferes with clarity and resolution, but Prein feels that it isn't enough to interfere with our immediate goal. Snow bothers both types. Westshore's capacity allows this to be performed in about two to three weeks. Prein would be after the new year. A motion was made to recommend the Westshore Proposal with a request to add a tree sizing and placement option since that will be a factor in any field layout plan. Motion passed 4-0.
4. Other items of interest discussed are:
 - a. Day use fee, monitored to provide free passage to township residents with stickers in their car window.
 - b. Move the day use play area to the north end of the campground so it is more easily monitored by the park ranger and provide separation for the campers.
 - c. Park Rules were briefly mentioned – their posting, inclusion on handouts, etc.
 - d. Dogs on the beach.
 - e. Vandalism, past examples discussed.
 - f. Repair of existing picnic tables. Mention that most of the present ones we have are inadequate. Boards will be needed for the new frames recently received and to repair existing tables. Plans should be made to do this prior to the season.
 - g. Both stairways will need repair, maybe rebuilding.
 - h. Wire run needs updating to 50-amp service.

- i. The poison ivy situation needs to be permanently resolved so walking trails can be established in some extremely attractive locations.
 - j. Some trees need removal.
 - k. The spring well openings need to be performed by a licensed well repair service. Jesse says he cannot do this any longer.
5. The MTA online training program was discussed. Pete suggested the members contact Alice, our Clerk for more information and instructions.

Pete to follow up on questions prior to the township board meeting.

Pete Shlagor

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