

Glen Arbor Park Commission meeting

August 21, 2019

MINUTES

Present: Jim Fowler, Rick Schanhals, Ron Calsbeek,
Paul Walters, Kelly Ciolek, Celeste Crouch

Absent: Jim Munson

Jim F. opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pumpkin Festival

Pat Widemeyer (sp?) discussed the plans for the 3rd Annual Glen Arbor Pumpkin Festival. It will be held on October 19, 2019 at the Glen Arbor Park from 12:00 pm. - 3:00pm. Pat reported that she had six sponsors for the event. The costume parade will take place at 12:30p.m. There will be food supplied by Tim Barr and the Lord of the Gourd (master pumpkin carver) will make an appearance. The carved pumpkins will be

displayed on the parks walls. For the past two years the participation has been excellent - an average of 250 children attended the event.

The Commission thanked Pat for her commitment to this outstanding event for the children in the community.

Public Input -

Harvey Warburton would like to see the Pickle Ball Drop-In times expanded. The Commission members decided to take his request under advisement.

Klaus Heinert and D. Wirtz

The Park Commission has hired the firm of Gosling - Czubak to facilitate the new Five Year Park Plan. Klaus Heinert will be the project facilitator assisted by D. Wirtz. Klaus began his presentation by explaining how a completed new Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan was essential if the Commission intended to pursue acquiring the GA River Property which is currently for sale.

The Commission would submit a grant to the DNR to their Trust Fund which allows for the acquisition of private property. The commission members are

interested in pursuing the purchase of this property with the intention of making it into a passive park. If the grant is submitted and approved the DNR would provide 75% of the asking price for the property.. The property is currently listed for sale at 1.2 million. Klaus made a point of saying that there are some complex issues related to the ownership involving a neighboring property and easements that will have to be worked out during the negotiations of the sale.

Get grant dates on the Commission's Agenda

Klaus suggested that the Commission get on the agenda of the Township Board ASAP since their approval of the grant to acquire the River Property is also required if the grant is to proceed. The DNR offers additional sources of funding but the Trust Fund source is the one the Commission will submit the grant to.

Klause also suggested that the commission establish a date this fall for *public input* of this proposal if the Township Board gives the go ahead. Public input is another requirement of the grant application.

February, 2020 - Grant applications are due

April, 2020 - the DNR announces approved grants.

Rick Schanhals Park Report

Pat Barry's employment at the GA Park will end at the end of the Labor Day weekend.

Rick reported that the *Glen Arbor 10 point Challenge* exhibition match will be held on Sunday, August 26 at the GA Park. There will be 4 male players and they will play a ten point tie breaker format.

Park T-Shirt Fund Raiser

Celeste reported that 4 dozen zip code T-shirts have been ordered and delivered. She will work out a plan for marketing these shirts before the Labor Day Weekend begins. She will need help from commission members for the sales part of the project. Two types of T-shirts will be available. The Women's are rose colored and the Men's navy. The T-shirts have the park logo on the left sleeve.

The Commission also decided to sell park caps just like the type Ron ordered for the Park Ambassadors except

with the word *Ambassador* excluded. The members also want to have one type of cap be *Low Profile*, the other type *Regular*. The number of caps to be ordered will depend on the cost per unit estimate provided by ATSprinting. The coordinator for this cap fund raising project has yet to be determined.

Pickle Ball Tournament

The first annual Glen Arbor Pickle Ball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21. Tim Sutherland attended the meeting and will be the Tournament Director. He will handle the sign ups and set the schedule of play.

Tennis courts 1 and 2 will be included in the tournament with the nets removed and the courts lined for pickle ball with removable tape.

A tent will be put up on the drain field.

There will be three Divisions *Men's Open*, *Women's Open* and *Mixed*. Entry fee will be \$15.00. No T-shirts will be provided for the entrants although the zip code t-shirts will be for sale at the event.

Glen Lake Tennis Team

It was reported that the coach of the Glen Lake Tennis team objected to two of the courts at the Leelanau School claiming that they are unplayable due to cracks. The commission took no action re the coach's objection.

The team will move their time of practice to 4:00 - 6:00pm after the Labor Day weekend when school starts. Their practice venues include both the GA Park and the Leelanau School. Each of 4 schools pays 250.00 to the GA Township to practice on the the GA Park courts.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Mark your calendar:

The next Park Commission meeting will be held on **Wed.. Sept 18, at 9:30am** at the Township Hall meeting room.

Oct. Park Meeting date: Wed. **Oct. 16, 2019, 9:30am.**