

Adams Township Planning Committee

ATPC meeting was called to order at on Feb 16, 2023 at 6:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance done:

Roll Call:

Chairperson: Martha Dugdale Present

Secretary: Terry Parolini Present

Member: Dan Koponen Present

Member: Paul Eister Present

Member: Sherri Kinnunen Absent

Township Attorney: Kevin Mackey Present

Approval of the Minutes: No corrections to last meeting minutes.

Paul made a motion to approve last meeting minutes, second by Dan, all approved.

Resident Jay Ruohonen addressed the Committee letting us know that he and his wife Dorthey Ruohonen donated 12 acres to Jeffers High School on/near Ontario Rd in Atlantic Mine. Jay asked if the ATPC would be interested in partnering up with the school to turn the acreage into a nature type park. The school is going to utilize their students to put up signs, benches and hopefully a "boardwalk" type system. It would be "foot traffic" only as requested by Jay. Attorney Kevin Mackey said that grant monies are more likely when communities and schools partner up. The ATPC were all for the venture.

New Business:

Martha brought up the results of the Township Survey. There were approximately 60 online completed and 100 paper surveys turned in. Martha said all comments

were positive. There were numerous people who wrote they were willing to volunteer with projects. The following are the Top 5 Results of the survey:

1- Walking trails

2- Hiking

3- Playgrounds (update and additional playgrounds)

4- Cycling

5- Ice skating

Martha said the existing Ice Rink in the Baltic is our priority as discussed at previous meetings. Martha said other suggestions were Dog Park, Roller Blading, Fishing. Jay Rouhonen said that the Jeffers pool is being used again and that there are now certified LifeGuards, not sure if it can be utilized for public swimming, will need to reach out to the school. Martha suggested the township order some sort of signage indicating existing trails that people may not be aware of. Frisbee Golf was brought up and apparently a resident in Toivola has experience in setting up courses. Will get more contact information.

Martha put a “completed” recreational plan together for approval and wanted to review it as a group, to include our Attorney, Kevin Macky.

Kevin said that the Township needs to delegate funds to the Recreational plan. He suggested a “Sinking Fund”. Kevin felt the Plan looks good, table of contents to add Natural Resources, Martha said she would make the correction. We all agreed that Martha did an exceptional job on the Plan.

A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Dan to accept the Recreational Plan with discussed corrections and changes. All Ayes, No Nays.

Martha said she did talk to Vrana, a private consultant. Martha said that Vrana can help us when he is done working with Stanton Township, Spring of 2023. Nothing else to discuss at this time.

Next meeting will be on April 20, 2023 at 6 pm, Baltic offices.

Paul made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM, Seconded by Terry. All - Ayes, No-Nays.