

**Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
For
(01-12-2017)**

Date: December 12, 2017
When: 1:300 PM.
Where: Portage Township Office – 47240 Green Acres Road,
Houghton, MI 49931

Who Present: John Ollila and Bill Fink (Rec. Comm. Members),
Levi Matteson, Nate Marsh (Evangel Baptist), Brad Barnett
(WUPPDR) & Bruce Petersen, Twp. Supervisor

Discussion Points:

- Went over with the Rec. Comm. just what the religious leaders what like to accomplish with the Hurontown soccer fields. Crowning the field and subsurface tile drainage were discussed to alleviate/lesson the spring and fall wetness problems. The local religious leaders thought that they could supply some monetary contribution plus they thought there would be a rather large pool of volunteerism that might also be available from within their congregations.
- To crown the field with a loamy sand and then put on some sort of organic soil covering would need to be priced out. The Supervisor will approach UPEA and see if they could supply some economic figures for this soccer field crowning/improvements. The improvement work would co-inside with the soccer associations (CCSA) season thus requiring some creative scheduling.
- The Committee and the Ministers also thought it would be a good idea to approach the CCSA for any kind of help and possible design assistance for the project.
- Brad (WUPPDR) discussed the grants available through the DNR Passport and Trust Fund that could be used for this kind of recreational project. He thought with the individuals/groups involved that it would score well with the DNR.

- Carefully went through the Recreation Survey executive summary with Brad that will be used for our Recreation Plan Update for (2017-2022).
- Went over the action plan, goals and capital improvement projects scheduling for the next five years that will be used in the Rec. Plan draft. The survey respondents rankings were compared with the action plan, goals and ultimately the capital improvement projects to make sure that the survey responses agreed with our capitol improvements. Brad passed out the DNR's "Post Completion Self-Inspection Report" (IC 1924) and told the committee that a self-Inspection should be done for all of our grant funded recreational projects and submitted with the Rec. Plan. The Committee gave Brad the go-ahead to update the plan based on the survey results and today's discussion at the meeting and begin the 30 day public advertisement comment period.
- At our Feb. 14th Board of Trustees meeting, a Special Meeting/Public Hearing date for the acceptance of the recreation plan will be set so the document can be submitted to the DNR by the latter part of February 2017.

Public Comment: None present.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:12 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Bruce Petersen
Portage Twp. Supervisor