

**PIERSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
21156 W. Cannonsville Rd, Pierson, MI 49339  
**May 13, 2021 at 4:30 pm**

I. Meeting

- a. Call to Order: 4:31pm
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call:

Present: Lecceadone, Burkholder, Knottnerus, Moore

Absent: Boman, Schroeder

II. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Burkholder                      2nd: Knottnerus                      Aye: All                      Nay: None

III. Approval of December 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes (April meeting/no quorum)

Motion: Moore                              2nd: Knottnerus                      Aye: All                      Nay: None

IV. Public Comments

V. New Business:

- a. Schroeder & Moore will both be resigning once replacement members can be found.
- b. Knottnerus will become a consultant member.
- c. Community Garden Park
  - i. Supervisor Buyze brought some great news for Parks & Recreation! Mr. Bassett who owns the land behind the Community Garden has agreed to donate almost 3 acres to the Township!
  - ii. Budget: Approximately \$200 remains in budget. (\$181.18) There are unused blocks, that can be returned. Burkholder to check with Sticks & Stones to see if a swap for black dirt can be made, verse multiple trips to Big Rapids to return blocks.
  - iii. Benches/Tables: tabled consideration until further development of land acquisition and plans.
  - iv. Water: use remaining funds to purchase hoses.
  - v. Port-a-potty: request Board Approval to obtain a potty for Garden/Market use.
- d. White Pine Trail
  - i. Fundraising: Board has allocated just over \$9K to the White Pine project.
- e. Fundraising
  - i. Farmers Market: P&R Members will hold booth when possible with crafts, games & surveys to keep active communications within the community for new park opportunities.

VI. Open Items:

- a. Parks & Recreation Plan
  - i. Next Steps/Timeline: Board request for survey and rules for Mr. Bassett review.
  - ii. Winslow Park/Boat Launch:
    - 1. Have trash totes returned for the season.
    - 2. Request Mark Christianson or Randy Heckman look at grading for potholes (no additional crushed concrete needed).
    - 3. Supervisor to discuss parking violation plan with Sherriff Williams
  - iii. White Pine Trail: Awaiting further developments from Twp/DNR/Friends of White Pine Trail team.

VII. Board Approval requests:

- Parks & Recreation Committee request for approval to obtain competitive bids to hire a surveyor for the suggested Bassett land donation.
- Request approval to obtain a porta-potty for the Community Garden and Farmers Market use.

VIII. Public Comments

IX. Next Meeting: June 10, 2021 at 4:30 pm

X. Adjournment: 6:04 pm

Motion: Burkholder

2nd: Knottnerus

Aye: All

Nay: None