

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2020

5:00 pm

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-15 to address meetings of public bodies, such as township boards, village councils, county boards of commissioners, etc., required under the Open Meetings Act (“OMA”), MCL 15.261 et seq., in the wake of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, Governor Gretchen Witmer’s Executive Order 2020-15 “I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until April 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm, to the extent that the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.272 (“OMA”) requires that a meeting of a public body be held in a physical place available to the general public or requires the physical presence of one or more members of a public body, strict compliance with section 3 of the OMA, MCL 15.263, is temporarily suspended in order to alleviate any such physical-place or physical presence requirements, as follows:

(a) A meeting of a public body may be held electronically, including by telephonic conferencing or video conferencing, in a manner in which both the general public and the members of the public body may participate by electronic means.” (full verbiage is posted on township website or upon request).

In conjunction with Executive Order 2020-21 “In All in-person government activities at whatever level (state, county or local) that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, or to support those businesses and operations that are necessary to sustain or protect life, are suspended.

- I. Call to order: 5:20 pm (*Webex issues loading*) *NOTE: This meeting will be recorded*
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call Present: Boman (phone), Burkholder, Grice (Chair), Moore Absent: Patterson
- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda:
 - Motion: Moore 2nd: Burkholder Aye: all Nay: None
- V. Approval of minutes from January 16, 2020 with correction.
 - Motion: Burkholder 2nd: Moore Aye: all Nay: None
- VI. Public Comments

VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. New Business:

Plan the Plan: 5 Year Recreation Plan is required by February 1st to apply for Grants in April of that year.

* *Workshop meeting March 26, 2020 at 5 pm was cancelled due to COVID-19.*

1. Other community plans: future review for items of interest/application to Pierson.
2. Park/Recreation "Wish List": Sports Park with trails at Amy School & Pierson Rd (Republic discussions); community & pollen garden at Township hall; some ideas suggested.
3. Cost/Options: Community Fundraising to increase P&R Fund for Grant Buy-in
4. Current Recreational Plan (dated 2003-2008) to be updated for content (Moore/Burkholder)
5. West Michigan Regional Planning Commission: Dave Bee joined us on conference call.

IX. Meeting Day/Time: tabled until next month. Next meeting May 14 at 5 pm. *(Additional meetings required for Recreational Planning).*

X. Open Items:

1. Roger Rockburn (phone) and Dan Buyze updated the parking lot (50 car capacity) on the Republic/Twp land [Across from the Village of Pierson ballfields on Amy School Rd] Republic crew could be doing the clearing in the next 30 days.

XI. Public Comments

XII. Board Comments

XIII. Adjournment: 6:18 pm

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