

PIERSON TOWNSHIP
Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2020
5:00 pm Via Zoom

In accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-75 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 2020-75 “I order the following: 1. Effective immediately and continuing until June 30, 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 2020-77 “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: 5:01 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Present via Zoom: Bowman, Burkholder, Moore

Absent: Grice, Patterson

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Motion: Burkholder

2ND: Boman

Aye: All

Nay: None

V. Approval of minutes from April 16, 2020.

Motion: ~~Burkholder~~ ^Burkholder

2ND: Moore

Aye: All

Nay: None

VI. Public Comments - No public in [Zoom] attendance

VII. Correspondence - None

VIII. New Business:

1. Community Garden
2. Board/Committee Changes
 - i. Patterson resignation
 - ii. Committee applications next meeting

IX. Open Items:

1. Parking lot on Republic land. [Across from the Village of Pierson ballfields on Amy School Rd].
With COVID staffing, they [Republic] hope to begin in the next two weeks.

Plan the Plan: 5 Year Recreation Plan [Deadline February 1st to apply for Grants in April of 2021]

2. Other community plans discussed.
3. Park/Recreation "Wish List"
 - a. Need to establish goals & schedule for Recreation Plan.
 - b. Three park ideas suggested for further development:
 - i. Community Garden Park (behind Township Building)
 - ii. Sport/Recreation Park (Amy School/Pierson Rd)
 - iii. Nature Path/Walking Park/Trail (location tbd)
4. Cost/Option (not discussed yet)
5. Update of Current Recreational Plan - Draft 1 to begin with new data & use DNR guidelines for Recreational Plans/Grant Planning Guide: Parks & Recreation Committee Board to do in-house.
6. Meeting Day/Time: **Next meeting Thursday, June 11 at 5:30 pm**

X. Public Comments: None

XI. Board Comments: Burkholder suggested to utilize other resident volunteers to add as committee volunteers for assistance with projects/planning.

XII. Adjournment: 5:52 pm

Motion: ~~Burkholder~~ ^Burkholder 2ND: Bowman Aye: All Nay: None