

Canosia Township

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Town Board: Chair Kevin L. Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, Clerk Amber Madoll, Treasurer Cheryl Borndal

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2023

ATTENDING: Chair Kevin Connick, Supervisor Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, and Clerk Amber Madoll. The meeting was held in person at the Canosia Town Hall.

Chair Connick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

- A. **2023 DNR Outdoor Grant Application:** Supervisor Dieryck explained how the proposal was compiled, including researching old grants, talking with the DNR, and reviewing grants from other recipients. She stated that the goal of the grant was to level and upgrade the ground around the playground for safety and accessibility, to add in up to three new accessible activities, upgrade the pavilion, close off part of the back road, and create new accessible parking spots. She stated that vendors have already offered in kind donation including dirt and equipment use. She stated that the grant still needs the map and photos. She also submitted to the DNR for early review and feedback. Supervisor Connick asked for clarification on asking amount, which is 91K and the board reviewed line item by line item of the proposed expenses. They also discussed their vision for the recreation area and how a more formal long range plan should be developed. They are in agreement that the playground needs to be made more accessible. They were also in agreement that there were other features that could be added to the facility, such as adult physical equipment. They discussed the grant overall and agreed that it was worth pursuing with a request for 110K. This would require a match from the township of 55K. Supervisor Connick stated that there were funds available through a variety of funds to meet that 50% threshold. Supervisor Erikson stated that when planning the long range plan it is crucial to get community engagement and the board was in agreement that the newsletter would be a good way to seek community input. The board was in agreement to meet at the recreation area in the spring with stakeholders and potential donors to discuss the vision for the recreation area and potential phases beyond what is laid out in the grant. Motion made by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Penny Dieryck to authorize Penny Dieryck to submit the 2023 DNR Outdoor Grant Program on behalf of Canosia Township in the amount of \$110,000. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Penny Dieryck seconded by Jeff Erikson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:58p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

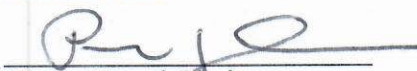
Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk

April 5, 2023

APPROVED:



Town Board Chair

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