

# Canosia Township

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

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2023

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

Chair Dieryck called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

- A. **Gerhart Erikson Recreation Area:** Supervisor Dieryck stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss potential updates to the recreation area and associated bids. The board discussed the recreation area long range plans. The highlights include:
- a. Step One: "The fencing repairs approved for 1.8K in a previous board meeting should be completed by Duluth Fencing" has been completed.
  - b. Step Two "The groundwork under the playground equipment needs to be leveled and any unlevel playground equipment needs to be reset." is underway. The board is in agreement that Petereson Excavating will complete the work. They also discussed the fencing and Supervisor Dieryck will seek new quotes with reusing the 4' fencing where possible.
  - c. Step Three: "The asphalt walkway around the playground would be repaired by Asphalt of Duluth in a quote approved during a previous meeting for \$8,935." was discussed and after reviewing the property once the path is cleared it may be possible to lay down grade 5 gravel rather than recovering the path with asphalt. Supervisor Dieryck will determine the course of action after the ground work is leveled and the path can be clearly seen/evaluated.
  - d. Step Four: "The woodchips would be installed under the playground equipment per ADA standards" will follow once the previous steps are completed.
  - e. Supervisor Comnick stated that he would like for each board member to have a binder with information concerning the long range plan. Clerk Madoll will put them together.
  - f. Back soccer field needs to be reseeded. Supervisor Dieryck will contact someone to reseed it.
  - g. Supervisor Erikson stated that the tennis courts could use something along the bottom of the fencing to help keep the balls from rolling out.
  - h. Supervisor Comnick stated that the fencing damaged by school plows needs to be fixed by the school and they need to provide suggestions for long term solutions.
  - i. Supervisor Comnick stated that the batting cage needs to be removed.
  - j. Supervisor Dieryck stated that there needs to be a policy in place for renting the fields/courts for sporting activities. Supervisor Comnick is in agreement and stated that fundraising would also be beneficial to help cover recreational area maintenance.
  - k. **Motion** by Kevin Comnick, seconded by Penny Dieryck to authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of ARPA funding to complete Steps One through Four of the long range plan. Motion carried unanimously 3 – 0. Penny Dieryck, Jeff Erikson, and Kevin Comnick voted in favor.

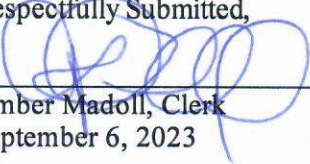
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Penny Dieryck seconded by Kevin Cornick, to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 am. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Amber Madoll, Clerk  
September 6, 2023

APPROVED:

  
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Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair  
September 6, 2023