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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2024

ATTENDING: Chair Penny Dieryck, Supervisor Kevin Connick, Supervisor Jeff Erikson, and Clerk Amber Madoll. Chair Dieryck called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Motion by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

Supervisor Dieryck stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recreation area plans for the upcoming year and DNR grant that is due at the end of March. Supervisor Connick asked when the grant would be awarded, if approved. Supervisor Erikson stated June 2024. Supervisor Dieryck stated that she has two bids for each potential enhancement and recapped what the options are for the upcoming summer: new playground equipment, rebuilding the pavilion, and leveling the back baseball field. She explained that the new pavilion will be built above ground with floating supports to help protect the structure from frost. The board discussed that the power is already below ground and next to the old pavilion. If it were to be moved to a new location that power would also have to be moved. The board is in agreement that the pavilion should be rebuilt, when the time comes, at the same location that the old structure stands.

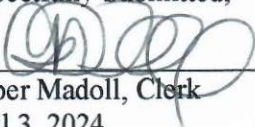
The board discussed the DNR grant and its requirement for a 50/50 match. Supervisor Connick stated that he wanted to make sure that if funds were spent on the rec area that the residents were notified throughout the process. The board was in agreement that there should be a public outreach campaign to keep residents informed. The board discussed the insurance on the pavilion and determined that while it is in need of repair, those repairs do not meet the threshold for a claim. The board discussed the dug out removals and whether they could be repurposed. Supervisor Connick stated that he is concerned that if the improvements increase maintenance too much, that it might impact other areas of the budget, like fire, roads, etc. He would prefer to wait and see what happens with the grant before committing to all of the projects. Supervisor Dieryck stated that the playground equipment takes months to order and would like to at least commit to purchasing those items with ARPA or rec funds in order to get that process started. She also stated that she doesn't agree with keeping the dugouts and believes that the low cost for removal will be worth the impact of more open green space. Supervisor Erikson stated that he would be open to ordering the swings but would like to wait on the pegasus to see what happened with the grant. Supervisor Connick wondered if the pavilion was really a top priority considering the other options on the table.

The board further discussed the costs for the improvements and how to engage residents in any expenditures so that they were in the loop. The board discussed building a campaign to collect donations for continued rec improvements. The board discussed creating a public meeting on June 5, 2024 at 5:00 pm, putting up a big thermometer at the townhall (by June), etc. **Motion** made by Kevin Connick, seconded by Jeff Erikson to approve

resolution 2024-9 that permits Supervisor Penny Dieryck to submit the 2024 MNDNR Outdoor Grant Program grant on behalf of the Town of Canosia and to be the primary point of contact for the grant, to remove the back dug outs, and to order the playground swing set. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Kevin Connick, and Penny Dieryck voted in favor.

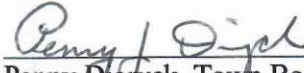
ADJOURNMENT Motion by Jeff Erikson, seconded by Kevin Connick, to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 3 – 0. Jeff Erikson, Penny Dieryck, and Kevin Connick voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amber Madoll, Clerk
April 3, 2024

APPROVED:



Penny Dieryck, Town Board Chair
April 3, 2024