

Recreation Committee Meeting on 01/15/24

Member's In Attendance:

Jeff, Ryan, Paul, Hannah, Deb, and Angie

Bank Account Update

- Account has been activated
- Deb and Hannah have debit cards and we also have checks to reimburse purchases

4 Seasons Trail Update

- Got it marked
- New signage with directions for Trails
- Behind Ice Rink is Snowshoe/Cross Country/Hiking Trail and is marked by green trail markers
- Red Marked Trail is a big circle loop
- Groomed twice
- Post to Facebook for the Community to know
- Develop a trail to the water? Paul is looking into property lines

Ovis Road Trail Update

- Chris has been skiing on his trail but it has not been groomed yet- is he ready for a Facebook blast? Or does he want to post it with all of his information
- Not Quite Ready for the blast, his wife Wren will reach out w details

Snowmobile trail got the money they needed to help with the trail but it is too late in the season to do anything. Paul is looking into this more.

Mission Statement Approved

“Dedicated to providing a communal experience that encourages visitors and members of all ages in our community to join in Township programs that enhance health, wellness, and four-season physical activities.”

Copper Shores Grant Planning

Copper Shores and Portage Grant are the same- \$20,000 Grant

Need to send a Request for proposal- Needs to be turned in by February

- 1) What we want is to resurface the ice rink to make it more 4-season and community friendly. Warming shack needs to be revamped, it's rotting. May need to replace cement floor, window to watch activities, and seal in rotten bottom boards. May even want to bury the lines for flooding the ice rink
- 2) For Collaboration ask community members to chip in or if anyone volunteers to bring materials
- 3) Description of Organization: See **Mission Statement**
- 4) Ice Rink Needs: Resurface floor and repair warming shack to do activities such as Open Skate, Basketball Hoop, Pickleball, Farmers Market/Plant Sale, Community Sales, Rollerblade/Roller Skate/Riding Bikes/Skateboarding, Birthday Parties

Warming Shack: Use for concessions year round

- 5) Description of Project: Foster and establish a sense of community
- 6) Data: Survey Monkey the Community or Facebook- Get quick feedback
 - a) Could use poll service on FB- Short but Sweet
 - i) Is it beneficial to resurface the rink? Better rink for longer
 - ii) How likely are you to use this rink?
 - iii) What would you like to use these for if they were improved?
 - iv) If the flooring were improved would you be interested in using these for activities?
 - v) If a project were to start, would you like a more detailed survey to help move the project forward?

Need to have this done by next week! Get to ASAP (Will Need By March)

- 7) Explanation of Organization Equipped: We have a treasurer, event planner, contractor, jack of all trades, and a group of invested individuals that want to complete projects to better the community (People on committee have a diverse range of talents that when mixed in collaboration (use their language to get our point across)
- 8) Project Connects to their Mission: Healthful community coming together and hanging out together by working together to make experiences possible. Volunteered time, donated goods, and so on. Creating a space and a reason to gather for social and emotional balance. Creating opportunities to bring us together.

Event Planning for 2024

- Need to plan a definitive calendar of events for Township to get a budget from them.

- Could have a plan to ask for money from the board
 - Easter and Open Skate are our next big events
 - Angie has interest for Open Skate from local parents
 - Easter Needs
 - Candy
 - Plastic Eggs- Want to color code based on age?
 - Easter Bunny (Maybe Ryan McGahan could be the Bunny?)
 - Maybe have a volunteer for Horse Visits?
 - Some Decorations will be needed- Streamers, balloons, and stuff
 - Do we want to put out interest from Local Businesses to donate? Maybe candy and such from anonymous donors
 - If it's nice out the hunt could be indoor/outdoor but we'll have to see
 - Ask the board for a donation for the party? Usually they give bottled water and hot chocolate
 - Could have a gardening workshop, mushroom class (late august), and such (super small budget needed for these)
 - Could say we will have (1) event a season- (4) Events a year?
- (1) Big Event Each Season and then a bunch of little one's
 - (a) Halloween, Easter, Christmas,
 - (i) Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt, and June Kickball Tournament
 - (b) Something going on at the Skating Rink Tuesdays and Saturdays- Have something going on year round on specific dates
 - (c) Could use \$200 for Big Events, \$100 for Weekly Concession Stand, and a little for overflow. Try to meet our budgetary goals instead of saving the cash for another project.
 - (2) Ask for a yearly budget when the board is making their budget for the year- they don't want to have to mess with our stuff. Thinking \$1,500 from the board.
 - (3) Sweetheart Skate is moving forward for 2025 - Angie has signage to hang.
 - (a) Angie will contact Deb to get supplies from Amazon
 - (4) \$200 Can Throw A Pretty Good Event
 - (5) Coordinate Events with The Bar so there is no overlap

Sweetheart Skate

- Canceled this year due to crappy weather prospects. Moving forward with Open Skate. Paul is keeping in contact with Zach Hulkonen for Ice Rink Updates

Warming Shack

- Paul will buy new locks for the warming shack and the shed for the grooming machines and so on. Will give the bill to the board at the next meeting.

Pickleball Court Update

- Electricity needs to be addressed upstairs on the court- It's a hazard. Alert Township and let Angie know if it's approved and maybe her brother-in-law can do a proposal to fix?

Adjourn @ 7:45p