



Village of Elberta Parks and Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

Secretary Emily V. called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Present: Cathy A., Andy B., Emily V., Bill S.

Absent: Bill O., Michele C.

Guests: Aimé Merizon, Benzie County Conservation District

Liaison: Bill S.

Commission agreed to hear Aimé Merizon's comments before starting the regular agenda. Merizon discussed an Adopt-A-Beach day to be held on Elberta Beach on Saturday, September 17 from 10 am to 2pm. BCD will host the cleanup, which also involves collecting data categorizing the detritus. The international coastal cleanup will be happening the same day. Adopt-A-Beach is a year-round program, with 348 sites around the Great Lakes. 37K lbs trash picked up last year. Teams of 3: a bag holder, a recorder, and a picker. Largest %age of trash is plastic, which becomes microplastic and part of the sand eventually. Sleeping Bear Dunes also participating. Discussed the boundaries of the cleanup. Cathy said there are three official public access points. (a) parking lot (b) a platted undeveloped alleyway about 250 feet south on Lakeside Blvd, and (c) 2,500 feet from parking lot. Emily will drive Village truck down and then retrieve it and take trash to the dumpster. Cleanup goes along with BCD's new Benzie Plastics Awareness Initiative (BPAI).

Approval of June Minutes

Motion 1st Cathy **Motion 2nd** Bill S.
Ayes All **Nays** None **Motion passed**

Approval of July Agenda

Motion 1st Cathy **Motion 2nd** Andy
Ayes All **Nays** None **Motion passed**

Changes Talk about memorial bench first, then EFM report, price quote for EDNA platform, plank fundraiser. Tabled a bunch of other things in interest of time.

Agenda Conflicts: None stated

Financial Secretary's Report

Motion 1st **Motion 2nd**

Notes:

We heard the report but forgot to vote to approve it.

Correspondence None

Public Comment None

Committee Reports

Elberta Dunes South
Farmers' Market (Sue O.)
Beach

**Parks (Bill S.)
Elberta Historical Preservation**

Unfinished Business

1. **Memorial Bench** Cathy showed the bench that was chosen with research by Linda; rugged, comfortable, also to be seen at Benzonia dog park. Assembly required. Memorial plaque is same one Frankfort uses. Need to ensure installation occurs asap after an order, so the budget has funds built in for hiring it out if necessary. Weathered-wood-colored boards and black legs chosen. Cathy made a standard invoice; process will be systematized so that it's as easy as possible. Have already received inquiries from other parties. Bill S. suggests having concrete slabs premade and ready to save money. Storage would be a problem. Total cost of bench, with or without new slab, paid by donor.

Motion by Emily V 2nd by Cathy

To approve installation procedure and invoice template for Memorial Bench fundraiser

All ayes Motion passed

2. **Revised quote for EDNA viewing platform** \$21,465. Permits are being pulled. Construction happens August or September. Will look like the Greenpoint one. 10 x 16, black locust, three sides, bench along back.
3. **Farmers' Market Report** 4 vendors were written up by the MDARD inspector: 2 for vegetables in jam and 2 for selling meat that did not meet USDA licensing requirements. Sue expressed a need for a need for more picnic tables: 2 of them currently have broken seats; and we don't have enough under pavilion for vendor space. Hospenthal Landscaping crew have been contracted to take care of grounds and are so far satisfactory.
4. **Plank fundraiser** Have had calls about more planks. We need to purchase cable and hardware for stringing on existing planks. Bill S. said he would take a look at the boardwalk and see what's involved. Ken Bonney has not been helpful in this matter. Emily said we should attach the ones we already have and suspend taking orders for now. Need to figure out how to extend the cable.
5. **Money for the bathroom at EFM** received, closing papers signed.

Misc: **New sign at EDNA** Cathy put it up with Steve (Lagerquist?); **Bike racks** \$762 for two concrete pads. One at EFM and one at Fishing Pier. **Historical signs** Bayside has had corrected proofs for several months now and signs are still not done.

New Business None

Public Comment None

Adjournment

Motion 1st Emily **Motion 2nd** Cathy

Ayes All **Nays** None. **Motion passed**

Time: 6:45