

## WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2022

A tour of the Johnson Park was conducted to determine what could be done to beautify the area. In attendance were: Molly Moran, Kathy Dusseau, Madge Kraai, Bobby DeCair, Arnold Erb, and guests Addie Kraai, Juice Moehman and Kathy Fox. Ms. Moehman presented her changes to the park she would like to see take place (a drawing is on file). Several of the shrubs have been destroyed by deer, the remainder had not leafed out, so don't know what they are or if they are still alive. It was decided a small patch of wildflowers will be planted this year to see if they survive. The area needs to be worked up and will be marked so that it will not be mowed down.

The regular Commission meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair Morin. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance. Angel Quinn joined the meeting. Amy Rusin and Sharon Sikkenga were absent.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion by DeCair, supported by Quinn to approve minutes as printed, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Addie Kraai, a fourth grader in Whitehall Elementary gave a report of what her class does at the Hilt's Landing property. Every other Friday, they go to the property, study native plants, map the area, take nature walks and have done experiments with acorns, have found deer prints and other wildlife prints. The Commission thanked Addie for her report and encouraged to come back again. It was good to hear how the property is being utilized by the students.

**PRIOR BUSINESS:** The Township Board did not approve the Special Event Ordinance. The Board did approve Ordinance 21-2102.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Andrew Ambrose sent a letter requesting information if the Township could provide access for ORV's to travel on roadways to access federal and state properties that allow ORVs on them. Erb stated that Dalton Township has a new ordinance for ORVs and golf carts. This could be included in the General Code, it is easier than a zoning ordinance. More discussion at next meeting.

On Benson Road, property owned by the Muskegon Conservation District, there are several trees that have fallen towards the road, (not in the road). They will be notified of the situation.

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing the rest of the Master Plan, changes will be made and available at the May meeting of review and possible approval.

Motion by DeCair, supported by Quinn to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. motion carried.

Molly Morin

Molly Morin, Chair

5/4/22

Date

Angel Quinn

Angel Quinn, Vice-Chair

5-4-22

Date

Kathy Dusseau

Kathy Dusseau, Secretary

5/4/22

Date