

**SPARKS Committee Meeting  
(Mon., Jan. 17, 2022; 6:00 pm)**

In Attendance: Rhonda Carrell, Gail Kretschmer, Bill Leichtnam, David Kuschei

Absent: Sarajane Synder, Rob Borski, Brian Hamm

1. Call to Order: Chr. Carrell (6:00 pm)

2. Declaration of Quorum: Chr. Carrell

3. Public Comment: None

4. Approve Dec. 20th, 2021 Minutes **M–Leichtnam, 2nd Kretschmer; all “ayes”**

5. POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR NATURAL AREAS / PARKS & COLLABORATION WITH SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES & ORGANIZATIONS:

Discussion revolved around inquiry about DNR areas along 10-Mile.

Decision made to further investigate; but place emphasis on putting work into area on south shore of NEPCO Lake. Ideas from “Wakely” group welcome.

6. IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC ACCESS AREA ON NEPCO LAKE / MEETING WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS:

Two members met with Jeff Brubaker & Scott Custer from Wood Co. Planning & Zoning. (Notes on separate sheet.)

Lengthy discussion on planning 2022 “work plan” to gain release of CEED committee grant money. Very tentative monthly work plan prepared; will need to re-worked at future meetings. Also discussed initial purchases, communication with residents, request for volunteer help on site and what Town’s road crew would be able to help with.

Assignment made to find pictures of gazebos, bathrooms, sail cloth structures, signage, trail construction, etc. and to get estimates from auction sites for things like bike racks, etc.

7. KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP GRANTS & NEXT STEPS:

Decision made to attempt to approach Pavloski brothers & adjacent landowners to see if more land might be donated, leased, purchased to broaden shoreland strip, then apply for grant monies by May deadline. Need for grant writer’s expertise.

8) PUBLIC ACCESS DIRECTIONAL SIGNS:

Area to be named “Turtle Bay Public Access” **M- Kretschmer, 2nd Leichtnam; all “Ayes” (Pending Town Board Approval)**

9) INFORMATION & COMMENTS FROM GROUP MEMBERS:

Kretschmer suggested that “chair” reorder agenda items for future meetings.

10) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Accept new members & creation of subcommittee (see # 5 above).

11) NEXT MEETING DATE:

Mon. Feb. 21st, 2022 (6:00 pm)

12) ADJOURN: Chr. Carrell; 8:15 pm