

Hope Township Grant Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 1:10pm

Roll Call: All members present

Agenda

- Administrative business
- Update on working grants
- New Grant Projects
- Fire Grant
- Other business
- Adjourn

Administrative Business:

There was no Grant Committee Meeting for the month of May.

During the month of July, the entire Grant Committee must be sworn in by the Township Board. We must have a mission statement and by-laws; we are already keeping meeting minutes.

Working Grant(s) Update:

A meeting was held with Tammy, a representative of DNRE at Woodside Park, to conduct a site review. Starla, Cliff and Ann represented the Grant Committee; Andy Kobisa represented the Township Board.

Concerns: Widen existing sidewalk, move divider walls in bathrooms to accommodate wheel chair access. Forward these concerns to Park Committee for action.

Impression: Overall Tammy was impressed with the park and with the community's ability to foster volunteerism for projects. One last suggestion, pave a parking area for handicap vehicles to allow easier wheel chair access.

Currently, 2 of the 3 bids have been forwarded to DNRE, 3rd awaiting a final drawing. With the Superior design, we want to eliminate the monkey bars and a balance wheel with platform from the design. Also it was determined, a connecting ramp between the two sections of the design for wheelchair access.

Christopher Reeves Grant, no word as of yet, but we are able to resubmit in July.

New Grant Projects: Grant for handrails for township hall. Andy Kobisa is the contact person for this project. (Possible source is the Kiwanis Club of Midland)

Grant for roofing of Park Pavilions.

Fire Grant through FEMA (AFG): Max amount asking for is \$1,000,000 based on population. Need a DUNS #, this a federal tracking number needed for all grant applications. Our DUNS # will be 149519519 per DUNS representative Marsha, access person is Cliff Blake, our case #03979115. FEMA Help Desk # is 1-866-274-0960 from 8am – 4:30pm.

Updated Applicant Tool, Quick Reference Guide@ <http://fema.gov/firegrants>, there will be additional meetings within the committee to further complete this grant application.

Other business: Continue to develop other grant sources, Booklet available Grants and Loans – a guide for Michigan Communities. Information is presented as a public service by Alkogare LLC. Call (616) 403-1033 or @ Alkogare.com.

Next meeting July 10, 1pm

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted
Cliff Blake