

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Camilleri, Jacquelynn Brown, Marie Hauswirth

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Amanda Scovel

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Monohon, Gary Wall at 7:27PM, Roman Wasylkevych at 8:10PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Camilleri called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

Roll call to confirm who was present

1. Approve Agenda

1.1 Agenda for May 18, 2023

Moved by Hauswirth

RESOLVED to approve the May 18, 2023 agenda, as printed

Motion carried unanimously

2. Approve Minutes

2.1 Minutes for March 16, 2023

Moved by Hauswirth

RESOLVED to approve the March 16, 2023 minutes, as printed

Motion carried unanimously

3. SEMCOG (South Eastern Michigan Counsel of Governments)

3.1 Discussion with Mark Monohon (liason from Waterford to SEMCOG)

3.2 1st round our application scored low. It will need to be re-worked & re-submitted

3.3 Opened 2nd round of the Spark Grant applications *Deadline June 26, 2023*

3.4 We need to look at our census data

3.5 Pontiac & Waterford has the lowest funding in the county

3.6 Need a long-term plan to maximize funding opportunities and how it supports our Master Plan

3.7 Connecting to major parks such as Pontiac Lake State Recreation area and Independence

3.8 Re-work the narrative of our application

3.9 Community Reinvestment Act

4. Greenways Committee v. Non-profit Organization

4.1 Grant opportunities may be limited for non-profit organizations due because they are considered as private

4.2 A committee may have more grant opportunities because they are supervised under a municipality which brings more stability

5. Waterford Community Greenways Committee has been granted 501(c)(3) status by the IRS

5.1 Next steps -

Create a new entity

Elect a Treasurer

Adopt By-Laws

Open a checking account

5.2 Camilleri suggests tabling to next meeting when we have a full board present

6. Mission Statement

6.1 Wasylkevych submitted the following -

The mission of the Waterford Township Community Greenways Advisory Committee is to protect existing and promote the expansion of greenway spaces (non-motorized recreational pathways) throughout Waterford Township. A major focus is on the Riverwalk, to preserve and enhance this centerpiece, while connecting it with greenway space networks throughout the community, which will further link into greenway spaces in adjoining communities.

The Greenways Advisory Committee will execute this mission by

1. Advising: studying reasonable needs for existing and planning future greenway spaces, and advising the Waterford Township Board of its recommendations
2. Oversight: periodically reviewing the condition of the Riverwalk and other greenway spaces to provide the Facilities and Operations group within the Township Department of Public Works with safety and general maintenance requests, and maintenance and capital expenditure budget recommendations
3. Seeking funding: searching for and assisting with applications for grants and other funding sources for greenway space improvements and expansion, including Township greenway space related budget recommendations
4. Increasing awareness: educating the community on the health and connectivity benefits of greenway spaces by creating, enhancing and maintaining public interest through promotional activities and fundraising events
5. Collaborating: to promote and sustain greenway spaces by closely collaborating with Township government teams and the Board, community organizations and schools, and interested and involved community members

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7. Schedule date for Riverwalk *Special Meeting*

7.1 Thursday, July 20, 2023 at 7PM proposed

Camilleri to check with Scovel

Brown to send out calendar invites

8. Ribbon Cutting for Just Ducky Art Exhibition

8.1 Event Information

Just Ducky Art Exhibition

Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 @ 6PM

Location is along the Riverwalk next to Buffalo Wild Wings

9. Adjournment

Moved by Hauswirth to close the meeting

Seconded by Brown

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously
