

Mission Township Park Committee Meeting December 18, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom at 1:00 pm.

Present: Committee members participating were Jim Peterson, Michael Blassey, and Dave Baker.

Capital planning projects: The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss various projects identified for the Capital Planning meeting on December 8 and a recommendation to pursue a grant under the Minnesota DNR Outdoor Recreation Program. The grant application is due by March 31 but it is recommended applications be filed in early March for review by DNR staff to offer early feedback and an opportunity to revise the application. Grants are awarded for up to 50 percent of the project costs.

Based on review of the program and of grants awarded to other communities over the past three years, the committee agreed it would be prudent to include many of the capital projects recommended for completion over the next few years along with others not in the application. Those items include:

- Refreshening of the playground to meet ADA standards and the Safety Checklist published by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Resurfacing and striping of basketball court
- Construction of two pickleball courts
- Expansion of non-paved trail system
- Reroofing of pavilion
- Better security of park area from motorized vehicles with new gates and replacing broken posts and cable
- Refreshening of ballfield and other items to be determined prior to grant application

All members agreed that by including a variety of items/projects that would serve all age groups within the community it would increase the chance of being awarded a grant.

The three committee members present agreed to followup on various items for purposes of developing a presentation prior to the next Capital Planning meeting in early January.