

Cascade Township Parks Committee  
February 17, 2016  
Minutes

**Article 1.** Community Development Director Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Members Present: Dawn McDonald, Sara Homeyer. Others present: Rob Beahan, Sandra Korhorn, Stephanie Fast

**Article 2. Improvements at Cascade Rec Park.**

Peterson explained that he has met with 3 companies for the planned universal access playground. All three have performed similar jobs for other communities. The committee discussed the project and conformed that we have \$300,000 in the budget for the project. After discussing the committee felt that the project should include the poured in place surface rather than tiles and asked Peterson to contact the Disability advocates of Kent county for their input and possible review of the proposals.

Peterson will get proposals from each company and have them submit to the committee for a recommendation to the Township Board.

**Article 3. Dog Park Rules.**

Fast, introduced herself to the committee and indicates that she had made a couple of changes to the list of rules given her background with animal control. The committee felt that the changes were appropriate and asked staff to get a couple of signs made. Some discussion took place on the need for a contact number at the bottom of the sign. The committee agreed that they would post a questions and comments bullet point with the township office number. Peterson reminded the ground that we will be monitoring use and enforcement issues to see if we need to make any changes and that this would include the list of rules.

**Article 4. GRAAA event at Park**

Peterson informed the committee that we received another request to hold a star watching event at the Rec park after it is closed. the event is March 11 and 12 and is over at 9 pm. Since the park closes at dark they need a permit to be there later than that. We have had other events from this same group with no problems. the committee recommend approval of the event. The Township Board will consider their recommendation at their 2/24/16 meeting.

**Other business.**

Beahan reported that the trail marking is complete at Peace Park. Beahan also reported that he has met with a neighbor of Peace park about the possibility of purchasing some of the adjacent property.

Korhorn explained that the DDA is working on getting some proposals together for the property in front of the library along 28<sup>th</sup> St. she will keep that parks committee informed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minutes recorded by –  
Steve Peterson  
Community Development Director