

**LYON TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017**

Meeting convened at 6:00

**Roll Call:** Nellist, Bradley, Lis, Munoz Abs, Gulick Abs

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Completed

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Lis, Second by Bradley to approve the agenda. All: yeas

**Approval of Minutes:** Tabled until the May meeting.

**Guests:** Don Nickel

Nickel stated that there was a can drive which took in \$100, and stated there will be other can drives, one on May 13 and the other on May 27. There was concern about the brightness of the sign and the cost of the electricity. Nickel said that the sign will be placed on a timer.

Nickel informed the group that the Friends will be participating in the Expo at the CRAF Center in Roscommon May 17. He said they will be selling baked goods. He also said he is looking into wrapped foods from Swan's to sell during baseball games. He stated that for free fishing weekend, Rosalie Meyers is planning a fish fry at either the Knights of Columbus in Houghton Lake or the Senior Center in Houghton Lake.

**Old Business:** Update on tennis courts: Nellist stated that the ground is leveled and Sergeant has to wait for the right temperature to do the first coat of asphalt.

**Benches for Dog Park:** Nellist and Munoz looked at two benches, and thought both would work for the dog park. Supervisor Nellist was going to bring them up at the last work session to see about using PETCO donation money to pay for them. Diane Nellist said she would ask him about it.

**New Business:** Stress balls for parade: Nellist presented a cost factor for 15 dozen smiley face colorful stress balls to be passed out during the parade. She also presented a cost for balloons and streamers for the float. Stress balls \$194.85 and Balloons and streamers \$25.98. Lis made a motion to have Nellist order the stress balls and streamers, Bradley seconded. All: Yeas

Newspaper ad for the parade: Nellist stated that she gave Bartel an ad for to be placed in the newspaper the week before Memorial Day and the week after Memorial. Nickel said that the ad should be free and said that he is going to check on that. He also said that the parade could be announced on 9 & 10's activity calendar for free.

General parade information: Nellist stated she has contacted all participants from last year. Many are going to participate this year. Nellist also contacted Camp Grayling, and filled out an application for the band. She was told that it was likely they could send an honor guard and some type of military vehicle, but the chances of getting the band were slim due to their hectic schedule. Nickel said that he was going to check on getting the Coast Guard Auxiliary. There was a discussion on offering donuts and coffee for parade participants at Park 27 after the parade. Nickel said he could use the Trolley to take participants from the end of the parade to the park. Nickel also stated that he will check to see if Smokey the Bear would be willing to participate in the parade. Bradley is still working on getting Rusty Nuts (car group) to participate. Lis is going to check with local businesses to see if they would be willing to participate in the parade. There was a discussion on the bike contest. It was suggested that it be held on one of the blocked off roads at the end of the parade, and Lis suggested making a sign for the bike contest. Lis also said that he would donate pop to all of the kids. Bradley said he may have family members that could help with the contest. Nellist contacted Ed Stern, and he said he would lead the parade and would also have some walkers in the parade.

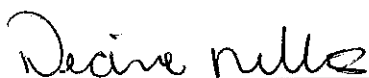
Road Commission Permit: Nellist informed the group she applied for the permit to hold the parade on West Higgins Lake Dr. and it has already been approved.

5 year Recreation plan: Nellist informed the group that in June there will be a public hearing to get input for the new 5 year plan. Nellist also said the recreation committee will sort through all of the comments and requests at the July meeting.

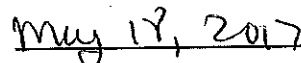
Nellist informed the group that the meeting in May will be Thursday, May 18 instead of Tuesday.

Lis made a motion to adjourn, Bradley second. All: yeas

Meeting adjourned at 7:15



Diane Nellist, Chair

  
Date