

MEMORANDUM

To: Parks Committee
From: Steve Peterson, Community Development Director
Meeting Date: September 24, 2019

Agenda Item 1

360 video of parks

Staff has procured a couple of quotes to perform a 360 degree video for the parks. We were approached by a group called Able Eyes that performs the work and then promotes it on their website as a benefit to help people now what the park is like before visiting. Since it is rather expensive, we also got a bid from a local videographer to do the same work without the promotion. We would be able to put the video on our own website so people would be able to see certain areas of the park before visiting.

The idea is not to do a video of the entire park but for certain areas like the playground, pavilion, gazebo and bathroom. An example of the video can be viewed using the Chrome browser on your computer at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AF7ixNyb9RE&feature=youtu.be>

I would like to get your recommendation so this project could be budgeted for 2020.

Agenda Item 2

Main parking lot/ drive repaving

The main parking lot for the Cascade Rec park is the area immediately adjacent to the bathroom area. I would like to discuss the need to pave the main parking lot and drive at rec park. It is the only area that we have not paved or repaired in the last 10 years. I am not sure the last time it was done but it has not been done in over 20 years.

While I would not say that it needs to be done immediately, I think it would be good for us to plan on getting this job done in the next couple of years. The idea was to get a budget number so it could be submitted to the Township Board for budgeting purposes. Both the drive and the parking lot are estimated to be \$165,000 each. This is about \$330,000 total.

Agenda Item 3

Cascade Rec Park Maintenance building

A quick inspection of the maintenance building will reveal that it has come to the end of its life. The parks Committee had recommended that the Township Board reside and re-roof the building for a cost of about \$130,000 last year. The Township Board put it in the CIP plan for 2020. Since then the Township has purchased a large bucket truck and a mobile generator. The generator is planned to be located at the rec park building and would take an entire bay. The bucket truck is currently stored at Burton park but is not ideal given its height. It would be preferred to add on to the building to allow for both the generator and bucket truck to be housed at Rec Park while still allowing work area for the crew. The building would be torn down and rebuilt with similar materials to the pavilion and bathroom buildings. For budgeting purposes, the Engineer has estimated the total cost to be about \$330,000 for a new (and expanded building).

Given both the building and paving work we wanted the Parks Committee to provide a recommendation so these items could be budgeted.

Agenda Item 4

Yoga in the park

We have been asked if the Township could allow yoga in the park from one of the local fitness companies. Currently we do not allow commercial activity in the parks. We wanted to open the discussion and see if there was a feeling to open the parks for something like this or not. If so, we would have to continue the discussion on how we would amend the parks ordinances to allow for it. I have enclosed the park ordinance for cascade rec park for your review.

Enclosure

Able Eyes quote

LT productions quote

Engineering estimates for paving

Engineering estimate for maintenance building

Cascade Rec Park Ordinance