

Lee Township Grant Committee
Minutes of the August 22, 2019 Meeting
Held at the Lee Township Hall
Midland MI

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Kristy Gustafson, Chris French, Darla Rippee, Wanda Freeman and Doris French

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Darla and seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

A motion to accept the July 11 minutes was made by Doris and seconded by Chris. Motion passed.

Announcement: Heidi Pitt resigned from the committee. The Board will restructure the committee for presentation at their next meeting.

Cemetery: At their August meeting, the Board presented a quote from Inch for a columbarium. The Clerk met with another company at the cemetery and they also submitted a quote. The Clerk will compare the two quotes and bring the information to the Board in September for a decision on which company to use. The Township has only so much land in the cemetery and eventually will run out of room. A columbarium is an alternative to have more space for burials. We had much discussion about the placement, and design. We also discussed the impact of the cost to the citizens. We will know more after the September Board meeting.

ADA Doors: Kristy reported there is only one company where we can purchase them in Michigan. Because any contractor we use would purchase the doors from that company, we would incur additional costs. The Board decided to go directly to the company. The Supervisor is getting an estimate and will announce it at the September meeting.

Five-year Plan: We discussed this at length. The history was researched and the committee decided to combine several into one. Doris and Chris are to work on that portion. Wanda will research the date the Township was started. She and Darla will gather information for the future improvements for the park. Darla will inventory the sites and current equipment at each. Kristy will compile the information for the September meeting. During our discussion we found more options to investigate for future grants and donations, the Portage Health Foundation and MidMichigan Health. Another option for improvements is a recreation millage.

We discussed leaving the park unlocked and just locking the restrooms and the impact it would have on the citizens. This will be brought up at the Board meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by Darla. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French
Grant Committee Secretary