

## **Edenville Township Parks and Recreation Committee**

Approved Minutes

April 21, 2021, 2-3pm

In attendance: Bob Johnson, Mary Herkner, Terry Hall, Mary Beth Seasholtz, Lindsay Ross (DNR Grant Coordinator), Jon Mayes (DNR). Lindsay and Jon are specialists in Parks and Recreation.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Harper Park and responsibilities based on the fact that it was built using a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant. We discussed what the township's responsibilities are in this circumstance of significant repair. In addition we discussed what the township's responsibilities are in general; what if changes or additions are desired in the future? We thought this a pertinent topic as we are heading into rewriting our 5-year Parks and Rec plan.

Minutes:

- Regarding repair of Harper Park: While we need to eventually meet ADA specifications, we can open non-ADA compliant access (like the stairs) in the meantime.
- Regarding changes to Harper Park:
  - The Township can make any changes/additions to Harper Park as long as it stays being Public Outdoor Recreation and meets the ADA requirements for access. For example, we can't build a library.
  - Outdoor structures such as parking lot, walkway, etc. must reach their end of life use which the DNR assumes to be 20 years. If we want to remove something we would need to request a letter of obsolescence. This would certainly trigger a conversation about how the outdoor public recreation requirements are still being met. For example, if we replaced the parking lot with a really big bathroom and a picnic area, where would the parking go?