

Jamestown Charter Township  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
May 13, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

- Call to order at 6:02 PM Meeting vis Zoom hosted by Ken Bergwerff.
- Committee Attendance: Erin Wolters, Dave Pruis, Lesli Kwiatkowski, Kerry Bairski and Ben Miller
- Absent: Ron Koroleski
- Approval of agenda – carried by voice vote
- Approval of minutes from the Apr. 28, 2020 meeting – carried by voice vote
- Ken Bergwerff confirmed that the Jamestown Township Board has approved using the property as a mountain bike trail and that he would be the contact on a grant that MEMBA would submit.
- Review of major items:
  - Parking lot and access were discussed. It would be helpful to walk the property starting at the Consumers Energy substation in Hudsonville.
  - East could possibly be emergency access and bike access. Adding parking and a road to the parking would be more involved than needed at this time.
  - Kirk Walter explained items that would be useful – like outhouse and changing “room”. Process that was done at Mosquito Creek and Luton Park. Recommends we visit to see something similar to what Jamestown might have.
  - In discussions, it didn’t sound like the farming would be an issue at this time
- Next Steps to move forward.
  - Kirk Walter, President of MEMBA, was very helpful at describing the process to building the park. He would be happy to guide us through the process and use his experience to move this forward.
  - First steps:
    - Get approvals from all property owners. He will provide a draft agreement for the township. This is important because without formal permission, it is difficult to move forward and collect donations.
    - At this same time, MEMBA would apply for a grant
    - Once formal approval is achieved, then there can be a smaller fund raising to get the trail drawn up, get quotes, and provide information to others about the park.

- Kirk recommends professional trail builder – because the trail will last longer and be a little wider – which is good for multi-use trails.
- Take away:
  - See if a meeting can be scheduled first week of June to meet at Consumers Energy. (Ben)
  - Draft copy to be sent to the township (Ben)
  - Check with Royal – (Kerry/Dan)
  - Contact Consumers (Joe?)
- Adjourned at 6:43 PM.

**Below are park addresses from Kirk:**

**Mosquito Creek:**

Mosquito Creek is a good example of a new trail. Address is 2190 Maple Island Rd Twin Lake, MI 49457. Website: <https://www.mosquitocreektrails.org/>

**Luton Park:**

5950 10 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341. Luton is a Kent County Park. Information on Luton : <https://kentcountyparks.org/luton/>

The original dirt parking lot for Luton is still open and is located at Kies Street (a block south of the main 10-mile lot)