

**Jamestown Charter Township  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
June 11, 2020  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting was held at Consumers Energy, 4276 Corporate Exchange Dr.**

- Call to order at 6:00 PM
- Committee Attendance: Erin Wolters, Dave Pruis, Lesli Kwiatkowski, Ron Koroleski, Kerry Bairski and Ben Miller.
- Other notable attendees: Dan Strikwerda, James Ondersma, Kirk Walter and Joe Lampen.
- Approval of agenda – carried by voice vote
- Approval of minutes from the May 13, 2020 meeting – carried by voice vote
- Update from Kerry about what could be used at the site for parking and requirements. Good discussion with major points being:
  - Hudsonville would need to change zoning requirements to allow for a gravel parking lot. This section is being updated this summer and the revision will hopefully allow for unpaved parking lot for specific park uses like this.
  - Parking lot will need to have protections from cars running into infrastructure and a fence around Consumers staging area. Lots of land to use and restrictions are reasonable.
  - To move forward, Consumers will require a site plan.
  - Will need to negotiate agreement on rental fee.
- Walked the parking site and down to the creek area. Also walked back to the dam. Lots of great valleys for trails.
- There were discussions about how the trails would be laid out, how they would be built, and different possibilities. Having a professionally built trail would take into account a number of aspects – like erosion prevention, utilizing the property efficiently, and keeping it interesting.
- Next steps:
  - In process is getting permission from all the land owners. This step needs to be completed before other steps.
  - Parking lot layout – need to ensure Hudsonville and Consumers Energy requirements are met.
  - In process is a grant for initial funding. Will need ~ \$15,000 for layout planning. Once this is completed, there will be something for people to see and donate towards.
  - The general donation area would be at least from greater Grand Rapids area (like Holland to the East side of Grand Rapids – or larger). The experience from

MEMBA, is once they have a real plan, there are people in the greater community that will be interested in helping to fund.

- Next meeting will be scheduled when needed. It depends on how long it takes to get the first step completed. A big thank you to Kirk and Joe have been leading this project and providing the experience on how to proceed. Thank you, Dan, for your assistance and participation from Hudsonville. I look forward to the next steps of this collaborative effort.
- Adjourn