

**Jamestown Charter Township  
Parks and Recreation Committee  
May 14, 2021  
MINUTES**

- Meeting was called to order 6:04 PM.
- Members Present: Dave Pruis, Lesli Kwiatkowski, Kerry Bairski and Ben Miller.  
Absent: Erin Wolters and Ron Koroleski.
- Agenda approved. Passed by voice vote.
- Approve minutes from February 3, 2021 meeting. Passed by voice vote.
- Update on funding: Kirk Walter, President MEMBA, said they are working on some leads and grants. With the trail laid out it will be easier to build interest.
- Chris Orr.
  - Chris has been designing trails for 35 years. He also enjoys mountain biking and has visited trails in West Michigan this spring to understand what is available and what can be added to this project to make it unique.
  - Did introductions so Chris could understand our group (we had many visitors).
  - Chris explained how he marked just over 6 miles of trails. The trail layout was just completed and trees are flagged.
    - The layout includes easier green trails. This will be about ½ of the trails. This will be good for walking, new folks to mountain biking, but still interesting enough for the experienced riders.
    - Blue trails will be moderately challenging. These trails are optimized for mountain biking. These will be more physically challenging and require some skill to be enjoyable.
    - There are different loops planned.
- Also planned is a bike park – an area where riders can build their skills.
- Chris showed the different trail markings as we walked along to the dam and explained how he choose the routes.
- During the tour, Chris also explained many of the details of building a sustainable trail and how proper pitch, grade and location of trails minimize washouts and erosion.
- When professionally built, as these will be, the trail will not last for just 5 to 10 years but should be usable for 50 or 100 years. This is a long-term asset for the community.
- During the survey for the trail, some existing areas of erosion were found which will require broken concrete or stones to stabilize the area. Any assistance in finding rocks or broken concrete, or donations of these materials, would be greatly apricated.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.