

## Adams Township Planning Commission

**Dec 4th, 2024 ATPC meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance done:**

**Roll Call:**

**Chairperson: Martha Dugdale Present**

**Secretary: Terry Parolini Present**

**Member: Paul Eister Present**

**Member: Sherry Kinnunen Present**

**Member: Dan Copanen Present**

A motion was made by Paul to accept Oct 30th meeting minutes, seconded by Terry. Martha, Paul, Terry voted Ayes, Sherry and Dan abstain.

**Old Business:**

Paul said they started flooding the rink, it's going to depend on the weather from here. The ice rink floor was not repaired, boards were replaced and painting was done in the locker room and roof repaired above the locker room. Looking into either lockers or shoe racks for the locker room area. Going to reach out to Tony Arens at Jeffers to see if the shop class could possibly help with some sort of shoe holder, shelving. The concession stand is cleaned and ready. Resident Casey Moore had been a major volunteer in previous years at the rink and may be willing to help again this year. Martha created a flyer looking for volunteers to help out. We discussed a list of responsibilities for volunteers so that everyone would be on the same page and know what was expected as a volunteer at the rink. Volunteers must be at least 18 yrs of age due to insurance and liability.

**New Business:**

Martha mentioned having an actual Recreational Committee outside of the Planning Commission. Terry said that in the Village of South Range, Council members are divided into groups of 3 to run different committees: Ex: Recreation, Street, Ordinance etc. We will look into it further

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Martha brought in a drawing of the Atlantic Mine playground survey. Martha stated that 2 new pieces of equipment were purchased for the playground this summer. 1) a Spring Horse 2) a Sit and Spin. Martha received a donation of \$500. to help with installing the new pieces.

Adams Township Supervisor Gerry Heikkinen has secured \$2000. grant from Walmart and will be looking at going for \$10,000. grant from Walmart, he can apply for it as an employee of Walmart. Keweenaw Community Foundation/ Copper Shores may have possible grants we can apply for. There are smaller DNR grants of \$15,000 or less that can be applied for without professional engineering firms being involved. There are other grants that are match grants, 25%-50%. We talked about a 5 year Playground plan that would include information like: who would do maintenance on the playground, how often it would be done, retaining and maintaining equipment and ground cover etc.

Zoning was discussed, Martha informed us there are 70-79 communities throughout the state who have filed a lawsuit against the state over the taking of power from the townships in regard to Green Energy.

It was decided that the next ATPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb 19th, 2025 at 6pm at the Baltic hall.

Paul made a motion to adjourn, Terry seconded, all ayes no nays. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by ATPC Secretary : Therese (Terry) Parolini

