

LAPEER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Lapeer Township Hall and Community Building
Monday, February 1, 2010
Study Session
7:00 pm

PRESENT: Chairman Tim Roodvoets, Commissioners Ken Ewing,
Ruth Lendt, Phil Thick, and Deborah Cady

ABSENT: Commissioners John Rutzen and Dan Gingell

OTHERS PRESENT: Leonard Lumley, Lapeer Township resident
Dawn Walker, Lapeer Township Clerk
Chris McLeod, Planning Consultant, Community Planning & Management
Jessica Monschau, Lapeer Township recording secretary

Chairman Roodvoets called meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call followed, a quorum was present.

**TOWNSHIP PAVILION
PROJECT:**

Clerk Dawn Walker started discussion with Commissioners regarding Grants and funding for the pavilion project. Materials quotes were received from Home Depot and Church's Lumber. Orr Lumber out of North Branch would be submitting a bid this week. She also stated that Supervisor Jarvis called Construction Code inquiring about the requirements for receiving a permit. Lonnie Hayes stated that a simple drawing with a truss plan should be sufficient.

Commissioners felt that they would like a site plan drawn up and it would be helpful in grant submittals. Engineering Consultant Cory Mabery has found someone that could draw up plans for the pavilion, but that individual was not able to certify the plans. A full site plan drawing was not discussed. Clerk Walker would follow up on this.

Commissioners compared the two quotes and followed with discussion. Commissioner Ewing stated that a metal roof would be less prone to vandalism. Commissioners all agree that for the small price difference a metal roof would be a sensible choice.

Clerk Walker stated that she would have Engineer Cory Mabery review the three material quotes for their differences. She would also speak with Bill Taylor from Sky Electric regarding the electrical. Commissioner Roodvoets suggested having the Vo-Tech students assemble the pavilion.

Commissioner Roodvoets stated that Larry Vitone is a good contractor for the cement work. Commissioner Roodvoets suggested the need for gutters on the pavilion.

Commissioner Lendt is going to call Jack Lewis from Construction Code Authority in regards to making sure the pavilion is handicap accessible.

Commissioner Phil Thick joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Planning Commissioners unanimously decided that grass would be best around the pavilion for maintenance and ease of access. Commissioner's discussed the placement of shade trees around the pavilion and evergreens along the expressway. Shrubs should be placed around the enclosed area of the pavilion. Discussion also followed on using the Michigan State Extension master gardener program to do landscaping work.

Clerk Walker attended the MTA conference last week and was at several grant seeking sessions. She will investigate grants for the Township park plan. She will also look into Detroit Edison grants to fund the planting of trees.

Planning Commissioners will also try to obtain funds from the Lapeer Optimists for playground equipment. A need in the area has to be shown to receive a grant.

Commissioner Lendt suggested that we provide the Optimist with statistics on overweight children in the area. She also suggested that we contact Maple Grove elementary school for a letter of support. Possibly the Lapeer East track coach would provide them with a letter of support. Possibly obtaining schedules of pavilion use from Attica Township and the City of Lapeer could show further need.

Commissioners discussed that we could point out that the pavilion will provide low-income families in the area with family activities, the County can no longer continue their parks other than in a passive form and there are numerous newspaper articles on this to use in submission for granting.

Commissioner's also stated to include barbeques, bike racks, trash receptacles and picnic tables in our grant request.

Commissioner Cady presented the Committee with playground equipment options. She spoke with the City of Lapeer park department head, Ray Turczyn on their park playground procedures. He supplied her with copies of the policy that the City of Lapeer uses to obtain quotes for playgrounds. In buying playground equipment it is classified by age group: under five years and five to twelve years. Commissioner Lendt suggested that the equipment intended for the young children be placed close to the pavilion and that it be separated from the older children's equipment.

Commissioner Cady had Commissioner decided to start very small with playground equipment. A budget for the playground could be set between \$7,000 and \$10,000, noting that installation would cost 25 – 33 percent of the budget. Discussion followed on surfacing for the playground and the need to be handicap accessible. It was decided that woodchips are the most cost effective for the time being.

Commissioner Lendt distributed her start on the submission for a pavilion grant to the Lapeer County Community Foundation and asked for feedback from Commissioners.

It was also noted that signage would have to be provided. Further discussion followed about acquisition of more property.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Roodvoets supported by Cady to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned.

Ruth Lendt
Secretary

Jessica Monschau
Recording Secretary