

**Oshtemo Friends of the Parks
September 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Oshtemo Friends of the Parks was held at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Pam Jackson, Co-Chair
Wes Freeland, Co-Chair
Deb Everett, Secretary
Carol Ladd, Treasurer
Libby Heiny-Cogswell

Also present was Karen High, Township Parks Director.

Sunburst Run – Consumers Credit Union has requested the remaining funds in the Sunburst account be disbursed with \$1,000 to Movies in the Park 2016, \$1,000 donation to the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail and the balance to the Township for Flesher Field.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Jackson to disburse the funds as requested. Carried.

Carol advised a second signatory is needed on the bank account for any disbursement over \$500. Consensus was to appoint Deb as the second signatory.

Memorial Bench Donation – Karen advised a memorial bench donation had been received in honor of MaryLou Pattison. The family requested it be placed at Flesher Field. Karen will order the plaque for the bench.

Capital Campaign – discussion was held the capital campaign for the Drake Farmstead, Grange Hall, and possibly Phase 3 of Flesher Field. There was also discussion that the Parks Endowment Fund at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation has \$25,000+ in spendable dollars. Libby noted the capital campaign has been included in the draft Township Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

Motion by Freeland, second by Ladd to pledge \$25,000 of the spendable endowment funds be used for the capital campaign.

Karen advised a meeting will be held on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. to identify possible donors, all are welcome to attend. She also advised she is seeking quotes for a campaign consultant.

Rain Garden – Karen advised a planting day for the rain garden will be held in late September or October.

Outdoor Concerts – discussion was held regarding forming a committee to work on organizing summer concerts for the gazebo in Flesher Field next summer.

Meeting Dates – consensus was to begin meeting each month on the second Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

Board Vacancy – Pam advised Courtney Holsworth has advised she no longer resides in the Township and due to time constraints can no longer serve.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – October 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Deb Everett, Secretary