

**Special Meeting
Big Rapids Charter Township
Tuesday, October 25th, 2022, 5:30pm.
Approved**

Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to order: 5:30p.m. Stanek, Saez, Currie, Geib, Bean, Teceno present. Nick Routley also present. Everett, absent (remote).

New Items:

1) Playground Phase 2

A motion was made by Bean to approve of Phase 2 of Highbanks Park upgrades in the amount of \$43,311.00. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

2) Batting Cages

Noted that Currie will contact Hatchew and invite him to the next Board meeting regarding the building of the Highbanks Park dugouts.

3) Contract with Progressive

A motion was made by Bean to contract with Progressive for both Grants, \$5,000 for a landscaping recommendation, and \$10,000 for a 5 year rec plan. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Additions:

- 1) Update from The Right Place – Currie noted she received a text from R. Thelen regarding a text update on a timeline that they are working on with Gotion along with a mention of Public Act 198.
- 2) Bean to contact FD on documents due/deadlines and a Special Board Meeting with FD.
- 3) Saez to contact Insurance about Par Plan Grant/security Cameras for Township
- 4) Discussion on more objective Evaluations and Stanek to give more thorough direction to employees regarding job requirements and evaluations potentially done quarterly.
- 5) Discussion on security camera plan from Bean called simplisafe, need for wifi at the park. Saez to contact Charter to see about decreasing bills and adding wifi to the park.

Budget:

- 1) A motion was made by Currie to approve of a cost of living increase of 6% to all departments across the board. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 2) A motion was made by Saez to approve of the Opening/Closing/Cleaning of Highbanks park of a base pay set at \$3,500. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) A motion was made by Geib to approve of a base pay for Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor to be set at \$45,000, in addition to a 6% cost of living pay increase for 2023. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07pm.

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