

Melrose Township Board of Trustees Minutes  
Special Meeting  
August 11, 2020 at 6:00pm

**Call to order:** 6:00pm V Goodwin called to order.

Present: V. Goodwin, S. Burr, L. Stephens, D. Nowland, R.Hissong Berry

**Business:** Presentation of Circle Park Purchase Grant Application

**Questions and Answers:**

- The application is being worked upon.
- Ben Borisch shared the first step was the updating of the Township 5-year recreation plan.
- The DNR Land Trust Fund grant process involves multiple steps.
- A formal public hearing will be required before the application is submitted.
- Applications are due between January and March.
- The application is then reviewed and scored.
- By September, the determinations are made. Then process to purchase begins.
- The grant can cover 75% of the appraised value of the land based upon its park use.
- It would be a 2022 purchase.
- Some questions addressed the maintenance of the space, the dock easement arrangements, and riparian rights being transferred to Tommy's Marina land ID.
- Will this set a precedent for private landowners transferring riparian rights?  
No, this is linked with the DNR permit for the docks and Marina operation.

**Public Comments** called for:

Discussion of other issues on the lake include:

- Noise- loud music from boats
- Increased use and abuse of the lake.

Adjournment: 6:43 pm