

## **VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS PUBLIC HEARING MEETING – DATE: 03-11-20**

Village President, David Grosse called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 7:06 pm at the Three Oaks Village Hall after closing the Regular Council Meeting. The Public Hearing was held in order to hear comments and receive input from the Public and Village residents to consider a proposed grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the funding of the project titled “Watkins Park Improvements”.

The grant being considered is for improvements at Watkins Park located at 411 W. Locust Street, Three Oaks, MI. This project would be done in two (2) phases. Phase I includes plans to provide wheelchair accessibility, and install volleyball courts and horseshoe pits. Phase II plans call for tennis courts, pickleball courts and a portable ice rink for use during the winter. The amount of the DNR grant applied for was \$50,000.00. The Village has been verbally approved for an additional \$50,000.00 from the Pokagon Fund, and the Village will contribute the final third of the project, \$50,000.00. This grant must be submitted by the April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If it is not, the next opportunity is not until 2022. The Village will find out in November if the grant was awarded to them. If so, the project can begin in the spring of 2021.

An audience member asked if the recreational grant can cover improvements at any of the other Village owned parks rather than just Watkins Park. The answer is that it does. Comments were favorable and the Public is looking forward to the upgrades proposed for Watkins Park.

- **Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:14 pm.**

Submitted by:

Cynthia E. Moynihan,  
Three Oaks Village Clerk  
Minutes for the 03-11-20 Public Hearing Meeting  
Were **APPROVED** at the 05-13-20 Council Meeting