

Village President, David Grosse called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Three Oaks Village Hall after the Regular Council Meeting was closed. This Public Hearing is to consider the proposed MDNR grant for the development of the Watkins Park Trail.

Public Comment on the proposed MDNR grant: Audience Member, Larry Shawver, spoke in support of the project to tie the Schwark Drain / Hoadley Woods trail into a community wide trail system. He said that the improvements to Watkins Park are desirable and will expand recreational opportunities and allow improved access for everyone with the ADA certified shared-use path.

- **MDNR GRANT PROPOSAL – BIKE LANES & SHARED-USE PATH - the WATKINS PARK TRAIL:** Rob Ford, from Lap + Creative updated Council on the procedures and timeline to expect once the proposed grant is submitted to the MDNR for the Watkins Park Trail. Rob reported that upon “spot-checking” the trail by digging 12” to 18” down approximately every 100’ of the entire trail, he discovered that there is no base in place as originally expected. Therefore, the cost estimate had to be re-calculated in order to include a new 6” to 8” base. Also, the striping of the roads is not allowable by the MDNR, so that cost was removed from the grant application, and (2) interpretive signs, (2) benches and (2) trash receptacles were added. The estimated project cost is \$250,000, bringing the total to \$30,000.00 for the amount the Village would have to commit to the project. It was suggested that the Village apply for a \$15,000.00 grant from the Pokagon fund to help offset the cost. **A Motion was made to approve a Resolution to authorize submitting the grant proposal to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MDNR) for the Watkins Park & Bike Trail prior to the April 1, 2018 deadline. Moved: Heemstra Supported: Graziano Aye: 7 Nay: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0 MOTION CARRIED.**
- **Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:05 pm.**

Submitted by:

Cynthia E. Moynihan,
Three Oaks Village Clerk
Minutes for the 03-22-18 Public Hearing Meeting
Were **APPROVED** at the 04-11-18 Council Meeting