

## VILLAGE OF BERRIEN SPRINGS PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes of the Village of Berrien Springs Public Hearing held on Monday, March 18, 2024.  
President Pro-Tem Jack Davis called the Public Hearing to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: President Pro-Tem Jack Davis, Trustees: Zach Fedoruk, Lonna Johnson, Sheila Snyder, Mark VandeVere, and Village Clerk Rachael Kuzda.

Absent: President Barry Gravitt and Trustee Kristin von Maur.

Also Present: *The Journal Era*, Bruce Stover, *The Herald Palladium*, Wightman Project Engineer Eric Kamps, Community Coordinator Kelly Ewalt, and Ronald Knott.

**The Public Hearing was held regarding applying for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant, through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, for a new Wolf's Prairie Playground.**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Kamps from Wightman informed the Council that the plan is to apply for a Trust Fund Grant, with the Michigan Department of Natural Resource, to build a new playground that is more accessible to everyone. ADA complaint, with more seating and pathways around the area to improve movement around the area.

If the grant is awarded a DNR Trust Fund Grant plaque will be placed on the playground.

The grant is a \$400,000 maximum amount with a 30% match. The plan is for the playground to be a community build with volunteers. Council Trustee Zach Fedoruk asked about how the number of volunteers needed and we have estimated a conservative number of volunteers per day, with 3 shifts. The question was asked if we would be noncompliant if we did not get enough volunteers and the answer is that we have estimated very conservatively to contend that possibility.

The Council is very appreciative of the work that has been put into this process.

### **Audience Comments:**

Ronald Knott said he and his wife are eager to volunteer.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Moved** by Mark VandeVere seconded by Zach Fedoruk to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Motion carried.

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Rachael Kuzda, MiPMC  
Village Clerk

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Jack Davis  
Village President Pro-Tem