

Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes from November 4th, 2017.

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Worked on revision of **Lawrence Recreation District Master Plan 2008-2013** and upcoming 2018 Master Plan. Survey questions would be created based off of the 2001 survey, parks and rec master plan 2008-2013, and Van Buren County Recreation Master plan 2011.

Questions for village:

What do you think the Park & Recs Budget will be?

What is happening with the drainage installation on W. St. Joseph st.?

Paw Paw Water Trail

Questions regarding water trail should be included in new survey.

The Water & Rail Trail can be economic catalysts.

Has anything been decided in relation to parks and businesses on the Lawrence section of water trail?

What are plans regarding Rail Trail? Bike path? Walking path? Skating, skiing?

Add survey questions related to Paw Paw River Water Trail

(Find out if PawPawRiverWaterTrail Group has done anything regarding parks and trail related businesses in Lawrence)

Related Potential Businesses:

- .. North Park – add Kayak & Canoe rentals biz
- .. Nearby Pizza Carryout
- .. Shuttle Service for water trail users (& residents) around Lawrence
- § Connecting Lawrence Village, Crandall Business park and to 'Star' van
- .. Business sponsored Triathlons using parks (exercise equipment), land and water trails
- .. Skate Board park
- .. Outdoor exercise series equipment distributed near river and rail trail and other village parks.

Fundraising ideas:

Polar Bear swim

GoFundMe

Will Michigan Trust for Public Land (TPL) work with and/or fund us?

Carol Iverson is sent a letter to TPL for information on how to work with or get support from them.

Goals:

Revise and edit Master Plan for Feb 2018, and begin fundraising.

Next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 3rd at 7pm**. Location: Lawrence Fire Department