May 23, 2016 Livonia Park Board Minutes

Attending: Dave Hewitt, Gary Doebler, Jody Hammre, Jan Wallin, Lila Spencer, Bill Bronder

alled to order 6:01pm

Approved the March 25, 2016 minutes

Zimmerman Park Board Update – Jan W. Now meeting every other month. Still only 4 members. Discussed motorized use by Lake Freemont, Sherburne Co. looking for grant opportunities for the Great Northern Trail (to pave into, through and beyond Zimmerman) with the potential for Zimmerman first and they are working with Baldwin now. Their next meeting is 6/7/16 and they have an applicant for 5<sup>th</sup> member.

**Sugarbush** – need direction as far as where (and when placed) a culvert will be installed in new portion off of 239<sup>th</sup>. Discussed new vs. old, will need permission to seek quotes.

Grams Park - no discussion

Mini-marathon at Sugarbush - Jody will keep in contact with event planners to make sure they have what they need.

Other Business- Bill Bronder (SWCD) was in to discuss possible incentives through the SWCD to assist in restoring native prairie vegetation in the new portion of Sugarbush. They could plant seed for \$35/ac with \$100 minimum. They will reimburse 75% of seed cost, not to exceed \$600/ac on a maximum of 10 acres (we have approx. 8). They will assist with site prep and seed mix recommendations. (Handout attached). Board was very impressed and enthusiastic to participate in this venture. Timing is critical and needs to be done soon (by mid-June if possible, July 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest. Will present to Town Board tonight's meeting for approval to move forward. Also, if approved, need to delay road construction and parking lot until following year to facilitate prairie restoration.

eeting adjourned 6:50pm. Next meeting July 25, 2016 at 6pm.

Approved this 25th day of July, 2016.

Park Chair or Vice Chair