

VILLAGE OF DIMONDALE

Public Hearing for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (MNRTF)

March 28, 2017

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Attendees: Jeff Cwiek, 401 E. Jefferson Street; Monique White, 132 W. Quincy; Linda Reznick, 316 E. Washington; Reuben Stump, 8817 Bridge Hwy.; Sarah Stump, 8817 Bridge Hwy.; Ron Bell, 246 Van Buren; Steve Markucki, 245 S. Bridge St.

Village Council Present: Scott Ammarman, William Bower, Robert Campbell, Lori Conarton, Josh Grab, Ralph Reznick, Andrea Tardino. Also Present: Denise Parisian, Village Manager

Reznick opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m. and explained that the purpose of the hearing was to take comments on the proposed application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for a grant to construct improvements to Danford Island Park. L Reznick questioned the purpose of the grant. Conarton shared the design boards with the audience and explained the basic components of the project: a restroom, a gazebo and improved pathways, and their placement on the site. R. Reznick noted that the gazebo will be accessible with no steps required to access. Cwiek asked about the stone pillars proposed for the gazebo. Campbell explained that the stone will match the stone elements already existing throughout the park. L. Reznick asked if the Department of Public Works will maintain the restrooms. Conarton responded in the affirmative stating that the opening and closing will be automatically set with park hours. White commented on the great progress made in the development of this park and its popularity in the community. R. Reznick explained that if the grant is awarded, construction would take place in 2018. Conarton noted that a second fishing pier is planned for construction on the island this year funded by a significant private donation and other park fundraising. S. Stump asked what the plan is if the grant is not received. Reznick explained that the committee is exploring other funding options and plans to continue fundraising efforts. L. Reznick asked if the property owners in proximity to the park have been notified of the plan for additional improvements. Parisian explained that invitations to the information meeting in February were delivered to each household in the neighborhood and the Village has a positive relationship with the park neighbors. In response to Cwiek's query, R. Reznick explained that the pathways will be upgraded to stone fines instead of asphalt in order to retain as many trees as possible with the accessible upgrade. S. Stump stated that the park looks wonderful and the improvements will make it more so.

With no more questions or comments, Reznick closed the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Denise M. Parisian