

**SANDS TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
July 30, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – D. Walch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: Darlene Walch, Lee Yelle, and Carolyn Kerkela.

ABSENT: Justin Yelle and David Kallio

EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE: None

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Kallio, Wendell Kurr, Wendy Maas, Pam Fjeldheim, Jeremy Johnson

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeremy Johnson introduced himself as owning 80 acres in the very NW corner of the Township and he outlined the recreational project he is developing there called Kona Hills Campground. He described the uniqueness of the area and its significance to the local residents. That land provides an opportunity to connect trails in surrounding areas and fits with all 3 goals of the Recreation Plan. He would like to see his project included in the plan.

4. AGENDA: C. Kerkela moved, L. Yelle seconded, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC HEARING: Darlene Walch opened the Public Hearing for the draft Recreation Plan at 7:10 PM.

Public Comment:

Pam Fjeldheim asked how she can help. She would like to figure out how to connect Sands to other trails in the area and she is interested in helping and asked when the Rec Committee meets.

Jeremy Johnson added that his Kona Hills campground recently received a \$100,000 grant for the project.

6. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Darlene Walch closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 PM.

7. BUSINESS:

a. **Draft Recreation Plan** – The board discussed the Draft Plan, commenting and correcting in several areas and making notes and recommendations regarding the draft. The notes, public comments, written comments from the public, and suggested changes will be sent to the Recreation Committee for further review.

b. **Sands Township Logo** – With the website upgrade, we will be working on a design for a Township logo.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wendy Maas commented it took a long time to get to this point with the Recreation Plan, and thanked everyone who worked to get it there.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** D. Walch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Carolyn Kerkela, Clerk

Darlene Walch, Supervisor