

COMMUNITY UPDATE

HERMAN PARK

PICKLE BALL PROJECT -GREAT NEWS!!



Our fund raising effort has been successful with donations totaling \$8500!! Along with the \$8500 match from the Michigan Networks Northwest RPI Crowdfunding Grant we will proceed this Spring with the construction of a fence around our pickleball courts at Herman Park. Many thanks to the individuals and businesses that made this happen!!

◆ **PARDON OUR DUST!!** Thanks to a 2015 DNR Recreation Passport Grant, construction of a 3600 sq. ft. covered pavilion will start this year. It will be located between the pickleball and tennis courts and offer much needed shelter from the summer sun & occasional storms. The grant allows us to build a basic structure but we still need to raise additional funds for amenities. A generous township family is still offering a dollar for dollar match (up to \$50,000) to support this endeavor.

◆ Debbie Slocombe is working with the Leelanau County Youth Soccer Club to enhance the Herman Park soccer fields for future league play. The township, with a financial commitment from these groups, may be able to install a new well for much needed drinking water in 2017. The well will also have the capacity for future field irrigation.

◆ Check out the Suttons Bay Parks web site (www.suttonsbayparks.org) for the link to the 2017 tennis clinics offered by Kristen Wilson.

◆ The Parks & Recreation Committee will be updating the 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan (2018-2022) this year. The most important part of this endeavor is for public input and listening to what the community wants to see at all of our parks. In addition to scheduling several public input meetings this year, we are also trying to develop a survey form that can be accessed on the township web site. The current 5-Year Plan can be accessed on the township web site. It identifies our current priorities.



◆ Donations can be made thru “Friends of Herman Park, Inc.” (a 501 c 3), by contacting Bill (onth45th@charter.net) Check the parks web site for the donation links. The Jerry Linenger “Photos from Space” are still available & make great gifts with all proceeds going to park development. Contact Gary at 231-499-8502 for more information.

◆ Quarterly Newsletters can be downloaded from the Suttons Bay Parks web site.

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