

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383
OCTOBER 9, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Ms. Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL: Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Andrea Voorheis – Township Board Liaison
Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison
Jean-Philippe Loew (via telephone)

Absent: Deb Deren, Vice Chair

Also Present: Jason Iacoangeli, AICP, Senior Planner
Sherri Ward, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 12

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. August 14, 2019

Ms. Grubb wanted to note that the August 14, 2019 meeting was held at Fisk Farm but the Township hall address was listed on the minutes.

Ms. Grubb moved to approve the minutes of August 14, 2019 as amended. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Civic Center Pathway Development

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the pathway around the Kroger complex running along Highland Road, Teggerdine and Elizabeth Lake Road will eventually continue to the park on Brendel Lake. There is a verbal agreement from the church to allow the path across their frontage on Teggerdine and Elizabeth Lake Road. Planning is in the process of figuring out easements and Planning will reach out to business owners of the shopping plazas along M-59. They can participate or give the Township easements. The bid for the project will be done over the winter. Parks & Recreation will see the design proposal when it's complete. Easements are needed because there is not enough room in the right of way. The pathway will be connected to Oxbow Elementary. There will not be enough room to meet the AASHTO standards of a 12' wide path. Mr. Loew asked about a crossing from one subdivision to another along Teggerdine. Mr. Iacoangeli noted that we can look to the RCOC for their design ideas with the roundabouts planned for the area. Grants probably won't be available due to the width of the path, but once it crosses North going towards Pontiac Lake Recreation Area a TAP grant may be available. The next step is the cost estimate and how to handle the costs.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

a. MNRTF Grant Update

The closing date for the property is December 16th. Planning is working with the State of Michigan for legal documents that our attorney drafts using their standard language. They are also working with Seaver Title for title work and setting up an escrow account. This is very labor intensive and requires a lot of paperwork and diligence. Ms. Carlock recommended verifying that all the people are gone from the campground.

b. Fisk Farm Halloween Event

The event is October 19th. Concessions start at 5:30, trunk or treating at 6:00 p.m., and a movie at 7:00 p.m. There will be a bonfire and Allen Entertainment will provide the movie which has yet to be determined. Ms. Carlock suggested flyers for local elementary schools to advertise the event. Flyers should be distributed to the WLT Library too.

c. ITC Pathway Paving Update

The contractor has stated that they have had weather delays. They have assured Mr. Iacoangeli they will begin to mobilize early next week. The eventual goal would be to get to the corner of M59 and Bogie to get to a crossing light. Mr. Iacoangeli suggesting getting estimates on all proposed pathway work at the same time so we'll have the estimates once work is ready to begin.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli stated that they will do a rate study over the winter for the ball fields, soccer, and pavilion rental. The CIP is complete and was adopted on September 17, 2019. Ms. Carlock noted that it's beautiful

and complete. There is another applicant for the Park and Recreation board and she will start in November. January is usually when appointments are made, and Parks and Recreation will still need one member. A part of the development agreement for Trilside Meadows is that they will extend all the way to Williams Lake Road for the pathway along Elizabeth Lake Road. The Civic Center District Committee is continuing to meet and moving ahead.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis reported that White Lake has joined with the West Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA) and it is much needed.

Ms. Grubb reported that there is lots of land balancing around the area due to new construction.

Mr. Loew noted that he was thinking about Pauline as a new member. She was asked and politely declined. Mr. Loew noted that the Hess Hathaway crossing from the White Lake neighborhood across Williams Lake Road has very heavy traffic and no reminder to slow down. Mr. Iacoangeli will check into something with the RCOC.

Ms. Carlock reported that the Hess Hathaway Halloween Happenings was this past weekend and they have great attendance there. Ms. Carlock suggested looking at the Master Plan for smaller projects we could complete. Ms. Carlock wondered if there is anyone at the schools who would take on the Safe Routes to School grant with White Lake Township. Ms. Carlock suggested looking at the Ralph C. Wilson grant for available monies for Township projects. Ms. Carlock noted that the Scarlet's Smile park is a great project for the whole region.

Adjournment:
8:01 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 13, 2019