

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383
AUGUST 14, 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
Deb Deren, Vice Chair
Andrea Voorheis – Township Board Liaison
Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison
Jean-Philippe Loew

Absent: None

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

Visitors: 2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. June 12, 2019

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2019 as presented. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Bloomer Park Storm Damage Cleanup

There was a lot of storm damage at Bloomer Park that has been cleaned up. A tree removal company came in to clean up at a cost of \$ 1,500. They removed trees along the pathways and pulled the trees into the woods. A roundup type material will be sprayed on the trails. It's been a few years since the trails have been graded, we'll look into this next spring. No structures were damaged during the storm.

b. Fee Schedule Amendment

The WLT Treasurer, Mike Roman, brought to Mr. Iacoangeli's attention that they are getting a lot of rentals currently for the pavilions. The \$100. deposit creates extra work. Treasurer Roman would like to get our opinion on the deposit. Ms. Carlock feels that they clean up after themselves so they can get their deposit back. A suggestion was made to have them fill out a form and just hold the check until after the event is over, then mail the check back if there is no damage. Ms. Carlock asked Mr. Iacoangeli to suggest that procedure change. Ms. Carlock asked if we need to look at fee adjustments, it's been 10 years since we've looked at the fees. Mr. Iacoangeli could look into a rate study over the winter for 2020.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

a. MNRTF Grant Update

The appraisals are all in and with the State for review. The appraisal is only looking at the property in the vacant land perspective. The State will determine the fair market value of the property. The escrow option can be utilized to finalize the purchase. The two appraisals were minimal in difference (approximately \$ 10,000). Mr. Iacoangeli is hopeful to close late September or early October. The Township has told the State that they will clean up the property within 90 days of closing. There has been a Phase One Environmental Study already but this was not factored into the appraisal. Ms. Carlock stated that we might want to consider a development application.

b. ITC Pathway Paving Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that there is a contractor getting ready to put in a wooden bridge along the wetland area near Worthington Crossing. Once the boardwalk is installed, the pathway will be installed. Ms. Carlock noted that she sees people walking along M-59 trying to cross from Cedarbrook to Meijer and wondered if there are any plans for some type of crossing. Mr. Iacoangeli is still trying to get in contact with the MDOT to maintain the bike paths. Ms. Carlock asked if we can get a permit to do that work? Ms. Carlock noted that we may be able to talk with Senator Runestad's office to get some action on this.

c. Fisk Farm Halloween

The Historical Society will be having their Halloween event on October 19, 2019. They will try the movie event again this year, with backup available for poor weather. Mr. Iacoangeli will contact Allen Entertainment to reserve them for the event. Mr. Barone would like to thank the Parks and Recreation Board for their support of this event.

There was some discussion about the paving at Fisk Farm. Only one quote was received and it was 40% higher than normal due to heavy workloads at this time. Mr. Barone wondered if we

could have some local people bid out the job. Ms. Carlock noted that some communities have sidewalk companies on contract for a few years to develop small sidewalk projects. Mr. Loew stated that we have missed opportunities for some of these sidewalks and we need to start them early. Ms. Carlock noted that you have to build these types of requirements into the Ordinance. These are discussions that the Planning Commission could have. What is available as a community impact ordinance? Ms. Carlock is concerned we are not holding enough open land in certain quadrants.

Mr. Loew moved to recommend to the White Lake Township Board of Trustees the expenditure of \$750 for the movie for the Fisk Farm Halloween event. Ms. Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes).

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that there is a tap grant deadline in October to finalize cost estimates for the pathway along Teggerdine. The Supervisor is referring to it as the three parks pathway. Pontiac Lake Recreation area has been updating their Master Plan and they are in favor of the pathway. This will link our park, a Metro park and a State park. J&A/DLZ is in the process of getting the preliminary estimates. Next month Mr. Iacoangeli will have the Park and Recreation budget.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis reported that she attended the Civic Center Development Committee meeting and it's going really well. September 7th and 8th is the Fisk Farm Festival. Ms. Voorheis asked about the applications on file for new Park and Rec board members. This would need to go on a board agenda for appointment.

Ms. Grubb reported that at the June 20th Planning Commission meeting there was a rezoning of acreage property on Brendel Road. A preliminary site plan was approved for Eagle's Landing near Lakeland High School. The final site plan for Centerpointe Plaza has been approved.

Mr. Loew would still like to participate on the Park and Recreation board and may have some difficulties due to his new job in California. Mr. Loew would like to see the sidewalk extended North from the Four Corners development.

Ms. Carlock is excited about the tap grant. Hess Hathaway will be holding their Harvest Happenings event soon. There is a run at Indian Springs on September 28th.

Adjournment:

8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 11, 2019