

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383
JUNE 12, 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

Absent: Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison
Jean-Philippe Loew

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

Visitors: 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Deren moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms.Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (3 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. April 10, 2019

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2019 as presented. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (3 yes votes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident was in attendance to say that he would like to see a pickle ball court. It's the fastest growing sport in the country with a lot of health benefits. The resident has some contacts who could provide

information for building a court. They are typically fenced in groups of two or four, sometimes tennis courts are converted into pickle ball courts. Hidden Pines may be an option for a court or it could be a possibility in the new civic center area. Ms. Carlock stated that we could put it on the Master Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Spring Park Maintenance Review

Mr. Iacoangeli wanted to bring everyone up to speed on spring maintenance. The front of the park has been cleared to open it up, and they cleaned up the parking lot and the pathways. Vetter Park had ball diamond restoration. The ball fields should be pretty maintenance free now. Ms. Carlock would like to meet at Vetter Park for the July meeting. Dog waste stations have been installed at the parks and landscaping items such as mulching have taken place. The goal posts needs to be painted and the poles at the pavilion need to be painted as well. A new golf cart was purchased and is being locked up at Vetter Park. There is now a lock box at Vetter Park to keep the building safe. There is a maintenance request to the MDOT to maintain the pathways along M-59.

b. Safe Routes to School (Huron Valley Schools)

On May 23rd, Mr. Iacoangeli met with Ms. Root from Huron Valley Schools to discuss getting a grant to start putting in safe routes. It's a top heavy process for the schools. The Planning consultant for WLT, McKenna has experience with this. There might be an opportunity for the Township to help out with the grant as long as Huron Valley Schools will sign a letter stating that they will agree to follow the rules of the grant. They would have to commit on their end to all the things they need to do such as a Walk to School Day and other items. Ms. Carlock stated that this would be exciting and could get us started along Bogie Lake Road. The Water Department is working on running the water to Lakeland and the water easements and pathway easements could be granted at the same time.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

a. MNRTF Grant Update

The Governor signed the funding for the acquisition. The appraisers are currently working on a narrative appraisal for the property. The resolution to accept the grant will go before the Township Board on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. The State will review all the documentation submitted to them for the acquisition. Mr. Iacoangeli is hoping this will be complete in the fall.

b. Ball Field Maintenance Update

The field at Vetter Park was completed on Monday. Ms. Carlock suggested a press release and Facebook post for the ball field maintenance. She also suggested showcasing the other parks as well.

c. ITC Pathway Paving Update

The pathway will start July 22nd. Ms. Carlock suggested another press release and Facebook post for the paving.

d. Fisk Farm Driveway Update

The bids are due back June 18th. At this time, no bids have been received. The bid package has specified concrete, as the price is comparable to asphalt at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that J&A is working on the pathway up Teggerdine Road to connect the triangle around in front of Kroger. Mr. Iacoangeli noted that Jean-Philippe Loew has taken a position out of state and may not be able to attend many meetings.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis reported that the No Haz day on June 8th was very successful, about 410 cars. She attended a transportation authority meeting, we need to begin to get more transportation options in White Lake Township. It will be a call ahead ride and would be a great option for people. A grant may be available to help fund it. She also noted that October 19th is the Fisk Farm Halloween event.

Ms. Deren asked about the volunteer from the DEQ for the Parks and Recreation board, she has applied and so has another applicant.

Ms. Carlock asked about the movie program for the summer, that has been moved to the fall. Hess Hathaway has a concert every Thursday night and Billy's Tip Inn provides food and they are really good bands. Ms. Carlock would like to see us donate to the event some time. Ms. Carlock noted that she's excited about everything on our agenda.

Adjournment:
7:48 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, July 10, 2019