

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting
White Lake, MI 48383
APRIL 10, 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
Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison - Excused
Jean-Philippe Loew
Andrea Voorheis – Township Board Liaison

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

Visitors: 12

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. February 13, 2019

Ms. Deren moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2019 as presented. Mr. Loew supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathleen Aseltyne (4800 Cuthbert) was in attendance. She works for the DEQ and would like to offer her services with the new projects coming up in the Township. She could be a great asset to the Park and Rec Committee and Mr. Iacoangeli will give her information to join the Park and Recreation Committee.

A local Boy Scout troop was in attendance and Mr. Iacoangeli answered many questions that they presented prior to the meeting. Ms. Carlock asked them if they had any suggestions for our parks. They suggested rock climbing, parkour, and an obstacle course.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Ballfield Material/Mix Quotes

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that the committee approved the labor cost in February. The quote didn't include the material. Mr. Iacoangeli provided quotations for the material. It's been over 10 years since the field at Vetter Park has been done. Dura Edge is the least expensive and the material is comparable.

Ms. Deren recommended the expenditure of \$ 14,736. for the purchase of ballfield material/mix from Dura Edge. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes).

b. Civic Center District Pathway Loop

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the Township engineer is still putting the cost estimates together for this project. Does the path along Teggerdine need to be more than 6 feet wide? There is an existing 8 foot pathway from Trinity around Kroger and Hobby Lobby along M-59. The path would need to go from the Caswell building East along M59 to Teggerdine South and then to Elizabeth Lake Road and then along to the church. Ms. Carlock asked if we could use the contractor from the Library pathway for the Township park pathway across Elizabeth Lake Road. There was some question about a possible connection to Oxbow Lake Elementary. There is a footpath along the back of Oxbow Elementary that extends out to Elizabeth Lake Road. Mr. Loew asked if there will be a small landing at the end of the walkway? Mr. Loew also asked about a landing across from Oxbow Lakeshore Drive.

Ms. Carlock wanted to remind the board about enclosing the ditch along Fisk Farm and installing a 6 wide path.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

a. MNRTF Grant Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that they have given the State a copy of the Phase 1 Environmental Study and the title work that has been done to date for their review. Mr. Iacoangeli explained the Phase 1 Environmental Study. They go out and talk with property owners about historical things on the property. They look at aerial records and build a history. There was fill put in at the beach that will need to be tested because we don't know where it came from. For a really long time, this was just a campground. Mr. Loew asked about Phase 2. Mr. Iacoangeli stated that would probably be done when the Township has control of the property. Ms. Voorheis asked if we could tour the property prior to the next meeting and Mr. Iacoangeli will try to arrange that.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the golf cart is being replaced for Vetter Park. It was stolen over the fall or winter. Hidden Pines needs the dog waste stations installed, and he is waiting for the weather to cooperate. Two groups are using the fields at Vetter Park. Planning has been very busy with development in the area. The agreement for sidewalks near Redwood are being updated to add another three months.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis reported that the Police Department was recognized by the Association of Chiefs. The Fire Chief retired and we are looking for a new one.

Mr. Loew wanted to say that you can go to all the different parks and use them to play ball or whatever, they are there to be used. Mr. Loew stated a sore point for him is what he calls "sand land", and the development they will put there. There is an exercise area proposed in the front of the development, he would suggest putting it in the rear of the development. Mr. Loew suggested that they leave a public sledding area in the very steep slope of the property they refer to as the sand pit. He also suggested a walking path through the trees that will be left. Mr. Loew wondered if the exercise area proposed could be duplicated in other areas. Mr. Loew noted that they will be tearing down Dublin Elementary but the building is in very good shape and it's a trace of history. He is also worried about how the taxes will pay for the construction. Mr. Loew thought the Historical Society could send them a letter. Ms. Voorheis stated that they may have some historical items to send to the Historical Society.

Ms. Deren asked how soon we can start planning for the Brendel Lake Park. Mr. Iacoangeli stated that we could start with some visioning exercises, probably fall to winter of 2019. Will we do a tap grant for Bogie Lake? That is a rolling grant.

Ms. Carlock stated that there is not enough open space or park land being left in PUD's. With all the new people coming in, open land needs to be set aside. The Hess Hathaway Farm Committee will host a sheep shearing and pancake breakfast on April 27th. They have hay rides and lots of activities planned. Volunteers are needed for pancake making.

Adjournment:
8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019