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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 38383
August 23, 2016 @ 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: Mr. Loew and Ms. Voorheis were excused.

ROLL CALL: Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Deb Deren, Vice Chair
Linda Erlich
Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison
Jean-Philippe Loew - Excused
Andrea Voorheis - Excused

Also Present: Jason Iacoangeli, AICP, Staff Planner
Lynn Hinton, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. July 22, 2016

Ms. Grubb moved to approve the minutes of July 22, 2016 as submitted. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Carlock opened the discussion to the public for comments on items not listed on the agenda, but none was offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Huron River Blue Trail Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that since the last Parks & Rec meeting, he met with Donna Foland, Senior Planner with Oakland County Parks, who was also the head of the 6-Rivers Land Conservancy. Ms. Foland has indicated that Oakland County is in the process of redoing the Master Plan for White Lake Oaks and that they also purchased 40 acres of property from the Girl Scouts of America. With that acquisition, the county would like to be able to allow people to paddle the river along the property, but they do not have plans yet for access to the river. They are also open to looking at different ways of picking up real estate to allow that. One parcel for acquisition target is a business on Highland Road. They feel this would be a great spot for a launch on Huron River as it winds south. Mr. Iacoangeli stated he expressed interest on the township's behalf in developing its 8.6 acres for a minimal put in with a handful of parking spots and launch. They also discussed the impediment on Shotwell, which is not a through street. There would have to be some long range planning and coordination with the Road Commission to extend the road down to service a few houses. Oakland County will document the township's park property and our thoughts and feelings in their Master Plan.

Ms. Carlock suggested going for a grant. Mr. Iacoangeli stated that Oakland County would support any grants the township applies for. The county is putting our project in their plan and if we go for a grant, they want to be a part of the Blue Trail as well.

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that when researching paddling, he came across surveys that recreational paddlers aren't looking for 8 hour trips, but rather a short 2 hour trip. He will start quantifying this more and putting it in our plans at the next juncture, include next year on the CIP. Oakland County wants to do this too, but they are still figuring out how they will provide access. Ms. Foland will send a draft copy and he will share that with the committee to review the language of our intentions.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Halloween Movie and Trunk or Treat

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that he has received the contract from Paul Adams of Great Outdoor Movies for the event this year. They are requiring a \$400 deposit, with \$1,050 due after the movie.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 22 and will coincide with the Fisk Farm Haunting Event. Mr. Adams will begin setting up at 4:00 pm and the movie will be shown at dusk. The movie has not been selected yet, but some suggestions were "Halloween Town" and "Casper". He noted that the farm haunting event is geared more towards adults, but there could be an opportunity for some kid activities, i.e., stations for games. He feels it would be fantastic if White Lake is known for this annual event.

Ms. Deren moved to recommended to the Township Board to enter into the contract with Great Outdoor Movies in the total amount of \$1,450 for the Halloween Movie and Trunk or Treat event to be held on October 22, 2016 at the Fisk Farm. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (4 yes votes)

Mr. Iacoangeli will post the event on Facebook and the township website.

b. M-59 Pathway Section Completion

Mr. Iacoangeli referenced the parcel at M-59/Bogie Lake Road that will become Worthington Crossing, a Redwood Development, consisting of 145 apartment units. Redwood will provide their portion of the pathway, which will extend away from the shoulder and find its way to the road right of way. Redwood is asking if the township would be interested (as part of the MDOT permit) in rolling in 325 ft. of additional pathway with the idea that the township would roll the cost into their project. They will get more competitive bids than the township could get on its own. They will design this portion as part of their permit and roll the construction cost in for their pathway, at which the township would reimburse them when our portion is complete.

c. Bogie Lake Road Pathway

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that he has revisited this item again and looked to see what would be feasible to get something started. There is already a significant pathway installed in front of Pennington and the idea would be to go from Biscayne north on Bogie Lake, on the east side, and tie into the existing sidewalk system at the Shell Station on the corner, which would also tie into the Worthington project. Conservatively, the project would be \$600k. Engineering did a pre-cursory on east versus the west side of road, and water crossings versus none, and need for retaining walls. At that time, they gave a rough estimate of \$1.5 million to go all the way to high school.

Ms. Carlock suggested applying for a TAP grant, at which Mr. Iacoangeli stated he would focus on a TAP grant for next year. This will be a visible and sizeable portion that residents would use and he will continue looking into this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the office has been very busy. There are many things coming up township wide. Projects are forthcoming and things are going well from a planning standpoint. He added that he wants to get more involved in making the Halloween event bigger and better each year and he will put together a sponsor sheet for members to circulate.

The Fisk Farm Master Plan has already been used once, and they will commission an electrical technician to place outlets around the site. He will be meeting with Barb Allison soon.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Grubb reported on the Planning Commission meeting that was held last week. They had a public hearing for the CIP and moved it to the Township Board for acceptance. There is a developer who recently closed on the property at the northeast corner of Cooley Lake and Union Lake Roads. They received positive feedback from the Planning Commission when they presented a conceptual plan. They are proposing a multi-use development inclusive of condos/apartments, a fast food restaurant and a bank, all which fall within the Township Master Plan. They are excited to start working with the township. Modern Messages Dance Studio had pre-con meeting and is moving along. Kroger has indicated they will open on September 18.

Ms. Erlich thanked and complemented Mr. Iacoangeli on an amazing job presenting and describing tonight's agenda items.

b. Next Meeting Date: September 27, 2016

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Erlich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)