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## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting  
685 Union Lake Rd.  
White Lake, MI 48383  
January 27, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called:

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

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

Visitors: 3

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes October 28, 2014 meeting

Ms. Erlich moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2014 as presented. Mr. Leow 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.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Bloomer Park Trail Resurfacing

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that there have been noticeable washouts on the trail for the past few years, some of which have been repaired by the township maintenance department. He feels this spring would be a good time to determine whether or not to get bids on resurfacing the material.

Ms. Carlock noted that there are materials that can be put in the limestone to cement it and make it stronger. She wouldn't advise putting the same material down as before.

On another note, Mr. Iacoangeli made mention that John Wheaton, of the township maintenance department, polices the park often and has noticed that people are sneaking snowmobiles into areas of the park where they are not allowed. He will ask him to report on whether there are areas where they are getting through.

b. Detroit Institute of Art Inside Out Program

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the Library Director, Larry Ostrowski, is leading the project. Mr. Ostrowski put in for the DIA Inside Out Program. The scope of the program is that large reproductions of famous paintings have been made and secured on posts, and put in various locations. White Lake was selected to have these paintings throughout the township from April to July 16. Mr. Iacoangeli reviewed the DIA's program map and pieces of art. This program gives people an opportunity to get out and view the art with a description of the piece. Locations designated for display are Bloomer Park, Bogie Lake Greenhouse, Dublin Senior Center, Fisk Farm, Hawley Park, Vetter Park, Village Lakes Shopping Center, and the White Lake Library. A map will be printed and distributed to the township. There is an opportunity to piggy back this program with a scavenger hunt or some other event. Ms. Carlock added that a possible sub-committee could work on this. Ms. Erlich stated that Optimist Club would jump on this opportunity as well.

c. 2015 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Carlock suggested changing the November and December meetings to be held one week prior due to the holidays. After a brief discussion, it was decided to leave the schedule as submitted, and add/delete meetings as appropriate.

**Mr. Loew moved to approve the 2015 meeting schedule as presented, but to look at other options for the November and December meetings. Ms. Erlich supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (4 yes votes)**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Fisk Farm Master Plan Update

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated the Township Board tabled the recommendation for Beckett and Raeder to discuss the outlook for Fisk Farm. The Board asked whether a plan would lend itself to get a grant. Their biggest concerns are with the overall cost of putting a plan together and whether now is the right time to be spending money on the farm. They will discuss internally and decide if they want to make a long term investment.

Mr. Loew noted that it was mentioned previously that you don't know what you'll get without doing a master plan. Ms. Carlock agreed that each property needs a master plan, whether done at once or over a few years. She added that the Historical Society has done an amazing job with the farm, without money, but there are requirements for persons with disabilities that should be addressed.

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that the next step will be to have a discussion with the Supervisor. The decision has to be made by the Board on whether this is a priority, and go from there. The line item would be \$20,000 from Professional Fees. Mr. Loew feels this money is for these kinds of things and this committee feels it should invest a little to get more over time, piece by piece.

b. Hidden Pines MNRTF Grant Update

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed the final evaluation results received from the state and indicated that we did not receive the grant from the Trust Fund. The township did capture more points on a revised submission, but in the end it did not generate enough interest from the state.

Ms. Carlock feels this would fit better in Land and Water, which is a grant for projects up to \$200k.

c. M-59 Huron River Pathway Update

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that he received an email from the township engineer, who stated they are providing additional information to MDOT and a permit is expected within a few weeks. Once criteria is met and the permit is issued, the township will be ready to go out for bid by the end of February, with construction beginning in May, and completed in 2-3 weeks.

The committee suggested alternatives be considered for the chain link fence, something more aesthetically pleasing. Also, the addition of an interpretive sign would be a nice grant project.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the Community Development Department has been busy. The B-59 project on the Meijer outlot is moving forward. The site was approved for a coffee and restaurant user.

He'd like to get started thinking about what projects the committee would like to work on in 2015. He thinks some of the plans for the Bogie Lake Pathway should be resurrected and it may be worth going through the RCOC for a TAP grant. It would be nice to get community awareness and possible town hall visioning sessions. He will bring preliminary stuff next month.

**Ms. Carlock moved to recommend that the Community Development Department look at getting proposals to provide renderings for the proposed Bogie Lake Pathway Project. Mr. Loew supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (4 yes votes)**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Liaison Report

Ms. Voorheis was not present to give a report.

b. Commissioner Comments

Mr. Loew asked about the ITC lots. Mr. Iacoangeli stated the ITC Corridor is privately owned and is not an easement. There is a proposed horse crossing at the trail terminus on M-59/Hill Road, but Ms. Carlock would like to have a visibility study done from Meijer to Porter Road, which would be an easy grant.

Ms. Erlich announced a program called, "Blessings in a Backpack", which provides food (6-9 meals) in a backpack to needy children each Friday to get through the weekend and the children bring the backpacks back on Monday. The cost to feed one child for a year is \$1,000 and they are looking for contributions from business owners and stores. If anyone would like to get involved with this program, there is a meeting on Thursday, February 5, at the Comeback Inn on Milford Road, 6:00 p.m.

c. Next Meeting Date: February 24, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.