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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
April 22, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Deren called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Ms. Carlock and Ms. Workman were excused and Ms. Voorheis arrived after the meeting was called to order.

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

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

Visitors: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Erlich requested to add a discussion on the jail under New Business.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes March 25, 2014 meeting

No action was taken.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Movie Night in the Park 2014

Mr. Iacoangeli asked whether the group was interested in sponsoring the event again this year. It was cancelled last year due to inclement weather. The company that puts this on has several dates available on Friday and Saturday nights. The cost would be \$1000 after the movie is shown, with a \$400 deposit up front.

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that there has been a good history with the month of June and it wouldn't interfere with other community events, i.e., Quake on the Lake July 18-20 and Milford Memories August 8-10.

Mr. Pegg moved to recommend to the Township Supervisor to have the Community Development Department move forward with setting up a date for Movie Night in the Park 2014. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

b. DTE Tree Grant Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the township was awarded \$1,800 for the tree-planting project. The supervisor has signed agreements to move forward and Mulligan Landscaping has been contracted to complete the work. The trees will be planted at White Lake Cemetery and Hidden Pines Park.

c. 2014 RAPP Grant Program

Mr. Iacoangeli stated this is the Recreation Assistance Program through Oakland County, where the county would provide a bounce house for the Movie Night in the Park event. He would have to submit the date and fill out paperwork and he would need a motion to proceed.

Ms. Erlich moved to have the Community Development Department submit an RAPP grant application for Movie Night in the Park. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

d. Jail Discussion

Ms. Erlich questioned who was paying taxes on the building and Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that it was tax exempt. The building is owned by the Michigan Department of Corrections and they would want to do a long-term lease of the building. Ms. Erlich noted there is a recreation center and a pool in the building and she'd like the township to consider renovating the building into a new recreation center over time and offer it as a free park. The cells themselves are in bad shape, but the building as a whole is in good shape.

Mr. Pegg felt there would be maintenance costs associated with heating the building, and repairs needed to the roof, etc., but the township could look at a grant to help offset those costs.

Mr. Iacoangeli stated the Township Board is in the process of having a feasibility study done on the building to see whether anything is worth salvaging. He will share that report when he gets more information.

Mr. Loew requested to have committee members and the township board do a walk through for input. Mr. Iacoangeli will follow up on this.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. EDI – Special Project - Grant Bridge Project

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that the committee recommended to the Township Board at the last meeting to proceed with having Johnson and Anderson look at constructing the bridge on M-59 by the Woodside Bible Church. A proposal has been submitted to MDOT, but the township is still waiting for feedback. He

is confident this will be allowed. The board has approved their scope of work and is moving forward in the process.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the township has purchased a chalking machine for the ball diamond and a landscaping rake for Hidden Pines Park.

He also indicated that he has been asked to make the committee aware that there is a need for a dog waste station at Bloomer Park. The township has been asked to provide this station, as it has done for the other parks in the township. The cost is \$200-\$300 and the supervisor's office will look into the purchase.

Mr. Iacoangeli introduced Mr. David Pegg as the new liaison from the Planning Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Liaison Report

Ms. Voorheis reported that the county came to the joint meeting and presented their One Stop Ready Program. The Township Board passed a Resolution to participate in the program.

The request for a dog park in the township was brought up again and it was suggested to have it located down the hill at Hawley Park. Mr. Iacoangeli will research whether other surrounding communities have dog parks and find out what exactly is involved. He will bring back information at the next meeting.

b. Commissioner Comments

Mr. Pegg would like to see more signs and communication with events, particularly the Movie Night in the Park. He was unaware the township has been doing this event. Ms. Voorheis referenced the signs posted for the Fisk Farm Festival and felt this may be an option for the Movie night as well.

Mr. Loew referenced the intersection at Hess Hathaway Park and Williams Lake Road. This area is unsafe because cars drive fast and it's difficult to cross. He'd like to see crossing lines and perhaps a light that pedestrians can activate.

Mr. Iacoangeli stated he has had conversations with the county on this issue and the county is not interested erecting any traffic lights, but they would stripe the road and put a sign up. However, they will only do that when there are pedestrian amenities at that intersection. The park itself is located in Waterford Township, but White Lake Township has had one seat on the Parks Board at Hess Hathaway. There needs to be discussion with Waterford Parks to partner with us in conjunction with the county to make this a functioning crossing.

c. Next Meeting Date: May 27, 2014

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Voorheis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)