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## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

Regular Meeting  
7525 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
**November 26, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

ROLL CALL: Merrie Carlock, Chairperson - Excused  
Debby Dehart, Secretary  
Deb Deren, Vice Chairperson  
Jean-Philippe Loew  
Andrea Voorheis  
Barbara Workman - Excused  
Linda Erlich

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

Visitors: 0

#### Approval of Agenda:

**Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Erlich supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)**

#### Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes of September 24, 2013

**Ms. Erlich moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2013 as presented. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes; 1 abstained - Loew)**

#### Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)

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

#### New Business:

##### a. DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that the Township Board is proposing the township enter the application for the Tree Planting Grant, which is a \$3,000 match contribution. The township has contacted local businesses that sell and install plant material and is looking to get \$6,000 in trees with the install. DTE will reimburse up to \$150 per tree. We asked these companies to spec out the trees including the install and keep within the \$150 per tree range.

The trees would be planted at Hidden Pines Park and the White Lake Cemetery. They are looking at ornamentals for the cemetery and large pines for the ballpark, all consistent with the Parks & Rec Master Plan on file.

This grant has a deadline of December 16, so the Township Board went ahead to allocate the funds to qualify before the deadline.

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that bids would be submitted when we have secured the grant, and there could be a discount from the nurseries by purchasing a large amount.

There was some discussion on who would be responsible for watering the trees. In the past the fire department had done this, but there were some complaints from residents about the allocation of time on the part of the department and the watering stopped. As a result, some of the trees died. The Supervisor will have to make that determination in the future.

#### **b. End of the Year Rental Revenue Report**

Mr. Iacoangeli reviewed the Rental Revenue Report for the end of the year. He showed the comparison from 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. Significant revenue has been earned since raising the fee schedule.

#### **c. 2014 Grant Applications**

Mr. Iacoangeli stated they had a meeting with the township consultant on October 8 to discuss grant opportunities for next year. The township would like to move toward another trust fund grant to develop Hidden Pines Park. With this grant, there is a limit of \$350,000, but no amounts have been discussed at this time.

Beckett & Raeder originally provided a quote for developing Hidden Pines Park in the area of \$900,000, which could be done in phases. There would need to be more discussion on how to phase the project, but the grant application needs to be filed by April 1, 2014. The township is also looking at passport grant for this project. The idea is to obtain a quote from Clearzoning to prepare the grant application paperwork. Clearzoning recently met with each department head to determine what each department's needs are.

Ms. Deren asked if there is a grant for pathways. Mr. Iacoangeli stated that Bogie Lake and Teggerdine Roads have been discussed with representatives from the state and it looks like a pathway on Teggerdine Road would be more favorable. The state has been awarding grants for large projects. The township will submit for one pathway and one development grant.

Mr. Iacoangeli will come back with quotes from Clearzoning and their proposal for the committee's review and discussion.

#### **d. Approval of 2014 Meeting Dates**

**Ms. Deren moved to approve the 2014 Parks and Rec Meeting Dates as submitted, with the addition of December 9, 2014 as a possible date, and keeping November 25th with a possible cancellation. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)**

#### **Other Business:**

##### **a. Staff Report**

Mr. Iacoangeli reported the state has approved and adopted the Parks and Rec Master Plan, which has a December 31, 2018 expiration date.

The Bloomer Park project came in under budget and 65% of the overall cost will be reimbursed to the Parks and Rec general fund. There hasn't been any word yet on reimbursement from the state, but all the paperwork and receipts have been submitted.

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that he and Brian Berrick submitted an application for a design award from the MRPA and he recently was notified that Bloomer Park won the award for Landscaping Design. The awards ceremony will be held in Traverse City and the township is planning on being represented.

**Communications:**

**a. Commissioner Comments**

Ms. Dehart asked if the township could pursue an ice rink this year. Prior discussions have indicated that a plug is needed for the basketball court. Mr. Iacoangeli will check into this again. He added that there are rink kits available for municipalities and he could get some quotes if the committee chooses.

Ms. Voorheis referenced the DTE grant and the reason the Board acted prior to the committee's knowledge. She felt the committee would not object in any way with acquiring and planting new trees and there is a December 16 deadline to get the application in. If the township doesn't get the grant this year, it will be at the top of the list for 2015.

There is no other information regarding the Bogie Lake and M-59 corner at this time.

Mr. Loew stated he attended the last board meeting and a representative from the Broadmoor Subdivision came to express thankfulness to the board for the construction of the pathway connecting the subdivision to the Vetter Park and the Dublin Center. He also heard the proposal for the new Pontiac Lake Gateway District and was interested in the potential for that area. Ms. Dehart indicated there would be future forums and surveys looking for public input and suggested he take part in those.

Ms. Erlich reported that the Huron Valley Optimist Club had a pumpkin hunt in October, which was held at Indian Springs for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. There were over 3,000 people that attended. The library did pumpkin painting, and they had a strolling clown, strolling magician, face painters, concessions, etc. Everything was free. JC Penny donated cash and prizes and Little Caesars Pizza put flyers on their pizza boxes. With the donations received, this did not cost the club anything and it brought in 3,000 people. It was a wonderful event and she encouraged the committee to come next year.

**Next meeting dates:**

- Regular meeting – December 10, 2013 (*cancelled*)
- Next regular meeting – January 28, 2013

**Adjournment**

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