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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
August 27, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Visitors: 1

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes of July 23, 2013

Mr. Loew moved to approve the minutes of July 23, 2013 as presented. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

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

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

New Business:

a. Ball Field Mix / Maintenance Purchase

Mr. Iacoangeli was asked by Supervisor's office for a recommendation to purchase and apply the ball field mix to the fields at Hidden Pines. The cost is \$1,892 + \$140 for shipping. The supervisor would like to get this done before September.

Resident Mr. Bob Szorlach explained the purpose of the Washington Red field mix and how it absorbs rainwater to avoid pooling and sagging of the dirt on the fields. His personal opinion would be to wait

until Spring because there could be more costs in the spring to prepare the fields for the season and it wouldn't make sense to spend the money now and let snow sit on the fields until then.

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that there are fall travel leagues that have rented Vetter and Dublin parks and this would be part of regular maintenance.

Ms. Carlock moved to recommend to the Township Board to approve the purchase of Washington Red ball field mix, but would prefer this be done in the Spring before the season starts. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

b. Tree Trimming work for Vetter and Hawley Park

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the supervisor's office has already paid to clear trees from the pathways at the parks and he is just sharing that information and costs with the committee.

c. Dublin Center Sidewalk Update

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that the Board approved and awarded the bid for this project in the amount of \$6,424. They are in the process of finalizing the paperwork and the homeowners association will be notified shortly.

d. Park Rules Signage Purchase

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated he is in the process of getting quotes for permanent park signage. He is looking at steel arched pole with a welcome sign and rules attached.

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the trail signage approved at the last meeting has been purchased.

The township's website was updated to include a new Parks area, which lists park names, amenities, etc. and a link to a map that gives a general idea where the parks are located. Ms. Carlock questioned if there was anything on the website that announces the parks are available for rent. Mr. Iacoangeli will follow up with this. He noted that if there is any event that the committee would like added to the events calendar, contact him.

The Parks Plan has been sent to the state and he is still waiting for a response. Also, the projects listed on the plan have been added to the Township's (CIP) Capital Improvement Plan.

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Deren wanted to follow up with her concerns at the last meeting regarding cleaning up the shoulders on two sections of Bogie Lake Road. She knows that this was done by volunteers in the past, but this is too much for volunteers now. At the last meeting she indicated that she had gotten quotes to have this done, estimated at \$1,200. Mr. Iacoangeli noted that this is part of MDOT and they will not take responsibility.

Ms. Carlock shared a few instances where she saw a kid face down along M-59 who had fallen because the area is impassable due to the weeds. She also saw a woman cycling by Brendel Lake in the middle of traffic along M-59. She believes this is a huge safety issue and suggested doing a weed kill and sealcoat at the very least. Ms. Deren would like to submit her quote to the supervisor's office for consideration. Ms. Carlock agreed and would like a few of the committee members to approach the supervisor's office to recommend beautification of the paths along M-59. Mr. Iacoangeli will relay the information.

SEMCOG is putting together a comprehensive plan for non-motorized trails and are putting money into large regional trails, not local trails.

Ms. Carlock suggested an agenda item for the September meeting to discuss priority items for the next year, i.e., Teggerdine, ITC, etc. There is a deadline in April to submit for grants. She questioned whether the \$150k earmarked would be spent on the township hall building, although she personally would like to see it spent on a park. She cautioned that those funds must be spent in the coming year or they will be lost. Ms. Voorheis responded that those funds could be spent on the parking lot. The township should comply with the existing ordinance standards that it forces upon new developments.

Mr. Loew mentioned that there was talk at the Township Board meeting about 4 township-owned properties that could possibly be sold. He asked if there is an opportunity for enhancement on any of those properties. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated there are single-family lots on Teggerdine south of M-59 where the northeast lot is unbuildable. There has been some discussion on making this a neighborhood park.

Ms. Carlock indicated that the grant seasons are November and December and rather than cancelling Parks & Rec meetings for two months, she would like to see the schedule adjusted by perhaps having a few special meetings during that time.

Mr Loew showed an area on the map where there are dead zones that need connectivity. He asked how to approach this. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that at some point that area will be developed as a neighborhood. When the site plan comes in, there would be an opportunity to discuss open space.

Next meeting dates:

- Regular meeting – September 24, 2013

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.