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## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting  
7525 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
**August 28, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Ms. Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Ms. Deren and Mr. Lewsley were excused

ROLL CALL: Merrie Carlock, Vice Chairperson  
Debby Dehart  
Deb Deren, Secretary  
Jean-Philippe Loew  
David Lewsley, Board Liaison  
Andrea Voorheis

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

Visitors: 0

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Ms. Dehart moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of June 26, 2012 meeting

**Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the minutes of June 26, 2012 as submitted. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (2 yes votes; 2 abstained)**

#### 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. Bloomer Park Update

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed a written update and cost estimate done by Beckett Raeder for the total cost of the park enhancements. He also distributed copies of bids received from other companies. Because of

the wording of the grant, the lowest qualified bidder has to be chosen. The bid was awarded to Cedroni Associates in Rochester Hills. However, their bid was 11% over the original estimate and in order to keep the project in line with that estimate, the Board of Trustees considered several options. They chose to eliminate the brick pavers in the parking area and go with gravel instead. An email was received from the DNR accepting the revised plan.

A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the township hall if anyone would like to attend.

Ms. Carlock suggested having a press release when the project starts getting underway and she offered to help write the release, with a possible dedication of the park in mid-spring.

Mr. Loew suggested posting progress pictures and updates on the township website.

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated they are in the process of looking for historical pictures of the park to put on the 3 interpretive signs and there could be an opportunity with the press release and website update to solicit pictures from residents.

Ms. Dehart noted there was discussion early on with regard to laying out an equestrian trail and thought it would be staked off. Mr. Iacoangeli responded that the township would have to pay for this, but he would get more information and report back to the committee.

Mr. Loew questioned whether the park would be used year round and if so, perhaps the township could advertise this as public access to the lake, particularly in the winter for ice fishing, skating, etc. Ms. Carlock confirmed that the park is open year round, but snow removal could be an issue in the winter. People are free to use the park at their own risk.

b. Park Rules and Regulations / Fee's Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that he submitted the information to the Township Board at their meeting last week and the board tabled it pending further research on rules regarding concession stands and picnic pavilions, i.e, wiping counters, emptying trash cans, etc. The board also removed discussion pertaining to adjusting the fee schedule at this time. He will submit the information again after the first of the year.

c. Parks and Recreation Millage

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the millage was brought to the board with a request to have it put back on the primary ballot in November, but the board denied the request along with the request from the fire department to have their millage back on the November ballot.

Ms. Carlock asked what the balance was left in the Parks and Rec account. Mr. Iacoangeli responded there is approximately \$600,000 after paying for Bloomer Park and setting funds aside for maintenance. There is still an adequate amount to get creative with and a reasonable option would be to fund the design plan for the Teggerdine pathway. This will be discussed again when the new board gets in place.

He also noted there is a 2015 deadline to spend the \$150,000 in grant money. Projects have been proposed, but no action has been taken at this time.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

d. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the last Movie in the Park was cancelled due to the rain.



He also indicated that the Parks & Rec master plan was developed for 2009-2013 and has to be reviewed again soon. He will get a quote from Mr. Birchler to review the plan. He noted that Mr. Birchler reviewed the plan last time and he believes his fee was approximately \$6,000-\$8,000. He added that the committee hasn't had a public visioning session in a while and this might be something to consider. He will also have Mr. Birchler provide a quote on facilitating a session.

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that he included Hidden Pines Park in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which now makes it eligible for a passport grant. He will continue working on securing grant funds.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Liaison Report

Mr. Lewsley was not present to give a report.

b. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Carlock requested a joint meeting with the new Township Board in January.

Ms. Voorheis suggested scheduling a 3<sup>rd</sup> movie in the park since the 2<sup>nd</sup> movie in the park has been cancelled due to rain for the past few years.

Mr. Iacoangeli referenced the Park-It event that was held and attendance was dismal. The organizers of the event have indicated that they would not be interested in doing this again.

Mr. Loew stated he grew up in France and they had a program where a full sports building was financed by the local government and then sports associations would reimburse the costs. There were multiple users and he questioned whether this might be something for White Lake Township to consider. He suggested offering local sports team using township fields the opportunity to have food stands where proceeds would get divided amongst the teams and the township. The teams could advertise within their schools and peers and provide a good networking avenue.

Ms. Dehart would like to see an area at the bottom of the tax bill offering people to put their email address to get more advertising and updates from the township. Mr. Iacoangeli will ask the Supervisor permission to sign up for the web and set up a Facebook page for the Parks and Rec committee.

Ms. Voorheis stated she would like to stay on the Parks and Rec committee as the new board liaison. There was some discussion on how many members the committee could have. Mr. Iacoangeli responded that the bylaws allow for as many as 9, but no less than 7. There are currently 6 members serving with 1 vacancy.

Ms. Dehart asked whether the basketball court was ever sealed to allow for an ice rink this winter. Mr. Iacoangeli responded that the court has been sealed and they need to fabricate a drain to see if it holds water.

c. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of September 25, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Ms. Voorheis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)**