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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  
**May 22, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Ms. Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Mr. Leow was excused.

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

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

Visitors: 1

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Ms. Deren moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of April 24, 2012 meeting

**Ms. Deren moved to approve the minutes of April 24, 2012 as submitted. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)**

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Carlock opened the discussion to the public for comments on items not listed on the agenda.

Linda McDonald, 6080 Raphael Court, stated she spoke at the last meeting with regard to Hidden Pines Park. She owns Unit 46 in the subdivision of 91 residents. She noted that neither she nor her neighbors were ever notified of any meetings that were held regarding the planning of this park.

Mr. Lewsley responded that what was presented last week was a concept plan and it is not proposed to move forward at this point. Any easement required or construction on the site would have to be publicized and all co-owners would be notified.

Mr. Iacoangeli stated that the neighboring homeowner associations were notified of the planning meetings and it was up to them on how they chose to communicate that to their members. He apologized on behalf of the township for Ms. McDonald not having been notified. If something is done on the site that affects the common area owned by the Hidden Pines residents, there will be a legal requirement to notify the homeowners at that time.

Ms. McDonald was also concerned that people will be parking their cars on Hidden Pines Road when using the ball field. She noted that the residents on this road are prohibited from parking there under the association bylaws. She questioned whether people would be ticketed. She added that the residents also pay for snow removal and salting, but Ms. Carlock noted that the park would be seasonal and most likely would not require snow removal services.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **a. Permanent Park Rules Signage**

Mr. Iacoangeli gave a brief powerpoint presentation showing different permanent signs highlighting major rules that have been adopted for parks. After some discussion, Mr. Iacoangeli was instructed to pursue the first sign in the presentation.

Mr. Iacoangeli also indicated that it was mentioned to perhaps have a public competition to name Bloomer Park. Ms. Carlock stated she wouldn't want to throw the Bloomer name out complete and suggested checking the deed restriction with the county to see if there is any stipulation that the park can't be renamed. She also suggested asking the historical society to provide a background on the Bloomer family and the reason why they donated several parks.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **a. Park Rules and Fees**

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the park rules and fees were last reviewed in 2008. The discussion from the board at that time dealt with alcohol permits in the park for specific events. The recommendation from the parks committee at that time was to allow alcohol in the parks with a permit. The Township Board did not want to take that route with vending and permitting alcohol in the park.

Mr. Lewsley felt the language has to be updated with regard to rules and regulations for ball field use. The fees are incorporated into the rules, but the entire group feels they should be separated.

After continued discussion, the consensus of the committee is that this may be a total rewrite. Each member was asked to review the rules and fees again and submit any changes to Mr. Iacoangeli prior to the next meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **b. Staff Report**

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that he researched back to 2005 with regard to park fee schedules. He looked at users, fields, days, dates and the amount paid. He noted that the revenue is only from athletic rentals and not the pavilion. In comparison to other communities, White Lake Township's fees are extremely low.

Mr. Lewsley added that based on the cost of park maintenance, the township could not recapture those costs, but he agrees the fees should be increased to be competitive with neighboring communities. This doesn't have to happen all at once, start with an increase next year and add little by little thereafter.

Mr. Iacoangeli pointed out that in some years, White Lake Township hasn't even covered the cost of insurance with the revenues it brings in.

There was discussion on Springfield and Waterford's approaches and the consensus of the group was to come up with something similar. Mr. Iacoangeli will come back to the next meeting with a printed schedule per park and will also work on splitting the rules from the fees. The committee members were asked to email any comments and/or suggestions to Mr. Iacoangeli prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the pathways at the parks have been resurfaced and look very nice.

The RCOC permit and soil erosion permit for Bloomer Park were good and the DEQ permit is under review. A public notice has been sent out and the 2 riparian owners were notified. As soon as that permit is approved, the project will go out for bid the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June.

The existing swings have been removed from Hawley Park and the new swings will be installed on June 28.

With regard to Movie in the Park, Iron Giant will be shown on June 23 and Pee-wee's Big Adventure is slated for July 27.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

##### **a. Liaison Report**

Mr. Lewsley reported that the Township Board approved the Parks & Rec millage language and that the word "renewal" was added.

##### **b. Commissioner Comments**

Ms. Voorheis questioned whether the committee would be getting Mr. Sweeny back. Also, she indicated that she received a complement from a ball team on how good the park looks.

Ms. Dehart asked for an update on the Teggerdine trail. Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the language has come in from the state and the next step would be a conversation with the Township Board regarding funding the project. The list of obligations and responsibilities should be reviewed by Greg Need and the Supervisor should solicit the board members to get a feel for who would support this financially.

Mr. Lewsley noted that the group has to officially elect a new Chairperson. With that, **Mr. Lewsley moved to appoint Ms. Carlock as Chairperson. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (5 yes votes)**

**Mr. Lewsley moved to elect Deb Deren as Vice Chairperson. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (5 yes votes).**

**Mr. Lewsley moved to appoint Ms. Dehart as Secretary. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote (5 yes votes)**

Ms. Carlock reported she talked to Cynthia Stump at Marshbank Park, who gave her large aerial photos with topography. She will use these to draw where trails might go.

Mr. Carlock stated the season has passed without any grant applications. She feels it is a good time to buy land and request the landowner donate the local match. She would like to see more land acquisition grants in the future, with trust funds and local matches.

##### **c. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of Tuesday, June 26, 2012. – Ms. Carlock will be absent.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Ms. Carlock moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)**