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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
March 27, 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 and Mr. Lewsley were excused.

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

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

Visitors: 2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Iacoangeli requested to add the 2012-2014 Parks and Recreation millage language under New Business.

Ms. Carlock 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 February 13, 2012 meeting

Ms. Deren moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2012 as submitted. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Ray Green, 3025 McKeachie, wanted to formally complain about the situation at Bloomer Park and he also read a letter of opposition from his neighbors, Sean and Cindy Hearn. They are concerned with the lack of supervision and the length of time it is taking to secure the park. People have dumped furniture and garbage and there are broken bottles. They would like to see the township proceed quickly to finish this

park. There were questions with regard to porta potties, waste receptacles, etc. that were answered by the committee.

Mr. Green stated he is also concerned that roads were bulldozed last year and nothing has been done since then. This is becoming a hangout and he is also concerned with kids burning fires at night and the fires getting out of control. He feels the simple fix would be to put chains across the entrance and he would like to see the township do something about this. He added that he has called the police at least 5 times.

Ms. Carlock noted that the bulldozing on the site was done by someone without the authorization of the Parks and Rec. Ms. Carlock asked Mr. Iacoangeli whether he could request chains and a sign to block the entrance. Mr. Iacoangeli will check into this.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Movie in the Park Schedule / Park It Program 2012

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that last year the Park It Program waived the \$500 fee, but the attendance was low. This year they are asking for \$235 for the cost of the license, but they would provide the live entertainment and would like to see the township advertise on the website and local cable TV. They are also requesting if they could have this at Hawley Park rather than Dublin in hopes of drawing a larger crowd. The tentative date for this event is Tuesday, July 10.

With regard to Movie in the Park, the consensus of the committee was to try and schedule Saturday, June 23, 2012, Friday, July 27, 2012 and Friday, August 24 and or 25, 2012.

Ms. Voorheis moved to recommend to the Township Board to put deposits towards the two movie nights and the Park It Program for 2012 from the Professional Services line item. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

b. Millage Language

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed copies of the millage language that has been reviewed by both the township attorney, Greg Need, and Mr. Lewsley.

Ms. Carlock moved to recommend to the Township Board to approve the language for the 2012-2014 Parks and Recreation millage. Ms. Voorheis supported.

Discussion on the Motion: Ms. Dehart noted that the language reads as if the residents are being asked to vote on a new millage, when in fact they are sustaining the previous one. It was suggested to consider a creating a pamphlet to make residents aware that this is a continuation of the previous millage.

The MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Park Rules and Regulations / Fee Schedule

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed a draft of the revised Park Rules and Regulations / Fee Schedule. He broke down the data and provided figures based on income from field rentals only. He explained the costs associated with running the parks, i.e., maintenance, utilities, etc. and provided a 5-year comparison. The goal is to create a nice balance between income, maintenance, and expenses. This will be discussed again at a later meeting.

b. Hawley Park Swing Set Purchase

The bids were reviewed by the committee members.

Ms. Deren moved to recommend to the Township Board the approval of Kompan to provide swings, installation and safety surfacing per their proposal dated February 12, 2012 in the amount of \$8,487.71 to be taken from the Parks Improvements line item. This particular company provides safety and anti-wrap hardware. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the shed at Hawley Park is going to be painted and they are getting rid of the brush pile.

The Bloomer Park construction drawings and bid package were approved last week by the Board. The drawing will be going out for permits to RCOC and DNR for grant approval.

The bases, bleachers, etc. have been ordered for the ball fields and will be here within the next few weeks.

The township consultants will present a color rendering of Hidden Pines Park at the April Parks & Rec meeting. He will invite the residents that participated in the visioning session.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Liaison Report

Mr. Lewsley was not present to give an update.

b. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Carlock asked about grant applications, at which Mr. Iacoangeli stated there were none this month.

With regard to the MDOT/Teggerdine Trail, Mr. Iacoangeli stated Mr. Runestad will discuss this at the county level and there hasn't been any word from the state yet.

Mr. Iacoangeli will request signage in front of the Township Hall to advertise Hawley Park.

Ms. Carlock reported she went to the trails meeting, but no one from ITC was present.

c. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Voorheis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)