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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
February 13, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Visitors: 7

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of January 24, 2012 meeting

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the minutes of January 24, 2012 as revised. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Catherine and Mike Chipman, 2400 Gale Island, introduced themselves to the committee. They operate Skull Island Camp on Pontiac Lake (skullislandcamp.com). They expressed interest in becoming a part of the White Lake Parks and Recreation with regard to providing a small portion of their fees in exchange for the township assisting them with advertising their day/week/summer camps.

The committee directed them to the Huron Valley Continuing Ed and Recreation department on Duck Lake Road.

It was suggested for consideration to put the camp on the township website, but after more discussion, it was recommended for them to utilize the White Lake Patch.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Rules and Regulations / Fee Schedule

Mr. Iacoangeli gave a visual presentation comparing White Lake Township's current park fee schedule with the neighboring community's fee schedules. He also provided a breakdown of the current costs of Vetter and Hawley parks and it was found that White Lake Township's fees are significantly lower than others, which could attribute to the reason why White Lake's parks are attractive.

The Township Board has asked to see new proposed fees for the spring. The next step would be to quantify what the current maintenance costs for the athletic fields are. Mr. Iacoangeli encouraged the committee members to bring back any changes to the rules and regulations to the next meeting when the fees are revisited.

Mr. Lewsley questioned who is historically renting the fields in White Lake. Mr. Iacoangeli responded that the Treasurer's office has a list of user names that he can share at the next meeting, but he thinks most of the ball fields have been rented out by St. Pat's School and the Waterford/White Lake Little League.

For continued discussion and consideration at the next meeting will be possibly eliminating the existing 2-tier system and rent the fields per season regardless of the age group, which would make it easier for the Treasurer's office. Also, the manner of scheduling should be examined.

b. Park Bench Purchase

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the Supervisor has asked for benches for both Vetter and Hawley parks in addition to the ones already there. He distributed minutes from the August 17, 2010 Township Board meeting, where the board had approved the purchases of benches up to \$4,200.

Mr. Lewsley moved to recommend approval to the Township Board to proceed with the purchase of park benches as previously authorized by the board in 2010, subject to Supervisor approval. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (4 yes votes)

c. Hawley Park Swing Set Purchase

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that he had talked with Ms. Carlock about what would be an adequate number of swings for Hawley Park. Ms. Carlock had thought that (6) swings would be sufficient for this park. They also talked about the style, single post versus arched post design. He has one quote from Superior Play in Brighton for \$3,694.00 not including installation or the safety surface and there would be a delivery charge of \$379.00. He is expecting more quotes soon and will share them when they come in.

There was continued discussion on the cost of the single-post design versus the arched-post design. Mr. Lewsley stated this is a one-time deal and he is not taken aback with the cost of a better set.

d. Parks Walking Track Resurfacing Project

Mr. Iacoangeli stated the Supervisor would like to be able to resurface both tracks at both parks. The roots are starting to show through and cracks and need to be addressed. The Supervisor would also like to utilize that company at the same time to patch the cracks in the basketball courts.

Mr. Lewsley moved to recommend moving forward to have the walking tracks resurfaced and court repair. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (4 yes votes)

e. 2012 Parks Maintenance Items

Mr. Iacoangeli asked the committee to consider redoing the volleyball court. There is a need for a new net, excavation, weed kill, and vegetation barrier with new sand. The court is not being used and he has been told that a beach volley ball court in good shape would get a lot of use.

He also asked the committee what it might want to do with the existing horseshoe pits, whether keep them or have them removed. He personally has not seen anyone come to rent the shoes for the pits. After continued discussion, it was decided to leave the pits for now until the time comes when they have to be maintained.

Mr. Lewsley moved to recommend that the Supervisor investigate the cost of refurbishing the volleyball court and proceed. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli had nothing further to add.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Liaison Report

Mr. Lewsley noted that the Township Board approved Beckett Raeder to do a site plan for Hidden Pines.

b. Commissioner Comments

Mr. Lewsley asked for a status update on the Teggerdine walking path. Mr. Iacoangeli responded that he is waiting for the language from the state to see what the "design gift" entails. He has unofficially asked Beckett and Raeder how much they thought the design work would cost. Their estimate would be in the \$30,000-40,000 range. The state is asking for design work for a 3-mile pathway and survey work of the wetlands and woodlands. The majority of funds would be for the survey work. The state wants the township to pay for design and engineering and in turn, they will construct and maintain it.

There was some hesitation of not being able to own the pathway, but for White Lake to do its own pathway, it would have to be to federal standards, which is 10 ft. MDOT considers the existing pathway along M-59 a "shoulder" and will not spend the money. MDOT has also indicated that M-59 from US-23 to I-75 is slated to be completely redone to modern standards, including portions in northern Oakland County. They would be receptive to us to do a grant, but wants us to understand that any pathway done by the township could potentially be removed/replaced or ripped out in 5 years.

There was discussion of connecting the 2 recreation areas and this could go in line with the path along Teggerdine. Mr. Lewsley noted that the shoulder along M-59 is in need of repair, and questioned whether a reasonable surface repair should be explored. Mr. Iacoangeli noted that MDOT has indicated that if we identify some stretches, they could estimate how much it would cost to resurface the shoulder, but they will not put up any funding.

Ms. Dehart noted there is sewer work being done again on Bogie Lake. She reminded that the high school cross-country teams run along Bogie Lake where there is no shoulder. Mr. Iacoangeli stated that

the sewers are being brought from Commerce to the high school and the "safe routes to school" program has been totally defunded.

Ms. Voorheis asked how someone would go about getting permission to take wood out of Bloomer Park. Mr. Iacoangeli stated that anything that has fallen should stay to create habitat for what is there.

It was asked if there were any updates on new committee members. Mr. Iacoangeli reported that Mr. Loew is being recommended and there is room for one more member.

Ms. Dehart mentioned that Clarkston just opened an outdoor ice rink that doesn't look like it cost a lot of money. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated there is potential to convert the basketball courts into an ice rink once they are patched.

With regard to the benches for the parks, Mr. Iacoangeli noted there was also a request for bleachers at the ball fields that was overlooked in the original discussion. The cost is estimated at \$5,000 to have 2 bleacher sections at each park.

Mr. Lewsley moved to recommend that the supervisor proceed with the purchase of 4 sets of bleachers for the 2 ball diamonds, totaling approximately \$5,600, subject to board approval. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (4 yes votes)

c. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of Tuesday, March 27, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Voorheis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)