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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
January 24, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Visitors: 2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (3 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of November 22, 2011 meeting

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011 as submitted. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (3 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Harry Donn, 7486 Olympic Drive, asked the committee to consider a dog park for White Lake. Typically, these are fenced-in fields, which are sectioned off by the size of the dogs. He gave a brief description of the park he visits in Lake Orion. There were questions from the committee members as to whether the park in Lake Orion was staffed, if there were fees to enter, etc.

Mr. Iacoangeli will research this further and bring his findings back to the committee for continued discussion.

Jean Philip Loew indicated he was at a board meeting where the board discussed using Parks & Rec funds for pathways. Ms. Carlock indicated this would be discussed during the review of the 5-Year Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2012 Parks and Rec Projects / Review of 5-Year Plan

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that he provided a copy of the Action Plan Summary and the goals and objectives of that plan.

He reported that the Bloomer Park project is under way. The M-59 pathway renovation project was included on the list of projects to budget for funding for, but there have been ongoing issues. Mr. O'Neil met with MDOT and relayed the information from that meeting to the Township Board. MDOT does not see potential in a pathway or even allocating grant funds to the project. MDOT does not want to spend money rehabilitating the existing shoulder/pathway. They are framing this that all those improvements will happen at some point in time when they redo M-59.

He noted that pathways have many stipulations and the committee should really think about what it wants to spend money on. Suggestions for consideration are streetscape improvements along the corridor, or a possible land acquisition on M-59 to access Oxbow Lake. Ms. Carlock indicated that the Parks and Rec funds could match grant funds. Mr. Loew suggested filling in gaps to make connections in sidewalks, and used the sidewalk from Walmart that ends at Fisk Farm as an example.

It was noted that the Bogie Lake Road project never materialized. The sewer extension did not happen due to the economy. The residents decided not to go for the SAD and opted to keep their septic systems.

The Union Lake Pathway was projected for 2013 and any segment along this road could be beneficial. Mr. Iacoangeli will look into this further.

Ms. Carlock questioned whether there was any grant that could be applied for that the administration would approve to match money with the trust fund by April 1. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that the board's top priority now is pathways.

Mr. Iacoangeli reported he met with Cynthia Stump at ITC to discuss a potential project. ITC is on board and he was given a list of things to do to start the project, i.e., securing easements, provide a GIS preliminary drawing of where a pathway would go within ITC's corridor. The corridor is open for business if feasible, but the path would be non-motorized and limited to walking and biking only. ITC will allow us to lease the property, but every year they would have the option to cease use. Ms. Carlock was concerned there would be trust fund issues. This would be a huge, multi-phase project involving a lot of time and effort.

With regard to the Teggerdine pathway, Mr. Iacoangeli stated he is meeting with the state on Thursday to discuss this project. This is something the state would do with White Lake Township's financial support, mainly with engineering. The state would provide construction and would also maintain the pathway.

ITC and Teggerdine projects are readily available and feasible. Mr. Iacoangeli and Ms. Carlock will meet next week to discuss these options further.

Ms. Deren will look into the Brendel Lake campground project. She will ask the land owner if they would be willing to donate a portion of the local match. If they are interested, she will defer them to Mr. Iacoangeli. Mr. Iacoangeli noted there has been apprehension from the residents about acquiring land.

There was a kick-off meeting with regard to Hidden Pines on January 12. They are in the process of pulling together public input comments and survey results. A preliminary design plan will be brought to the committee within the next few months. Mr. Iacoangeli reported he had sent out an email distribution to those at the visioning session informing them of what has transpired and they will be invited to the preliminary planning meeting to comment. This will also be on the action list this year.

b. Rules and Regulations Update

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed copies of the Rules and Regulations to the members. He asked them to review and change accordingly and bring comments back to the next meeting. The committee has gone through this process before, but it was tabled by the Board mainly due to the section on having alcohol in the parks. He will look at all other communities' fees for similar amenities and will put together a spreadsheet comparing their costs to our costs.

c. 2012 Meeting Schedule Adoption

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the 2012 Parks and Rec Meeting Schedule as submitted. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote. (3 yes votes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli had nothing further to add.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Liaison Report

Mr. Lewsley was not present to give a report.

b. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis expressed concern with losing people from the committee and questioned when the Supervisor would appoint more representatives. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated there are 2 possible appointees at this point. Email him with potential members.

Ms. Deren asked about signage. She noted that Milford has brown highway signs and suggested looking into the same. Mr. Iacoangeli will research this further.

c. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of Monday, February 13, 2012. - canceled

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Voorheis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (3 yes votes)