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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
March 22, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Robinson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll was called: Mr. Anderson and Ms. Deren were absent.

ROLL CALL: Steve Anderson - **Absent**
Merrie Carlock, Vice Chairperson
Debby Dehart
Deb Deren, Secretary - **Absent**
David Lewsley, Board Liaison
Caryn Robinson, Chairperson
Jean Shiloff
Andrea Voorheis

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

Visitors: 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of February 22, 2011 meeting

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011 as presented. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Robinson opened the discussion to the public for comments on items not listed on the agenda, but none was offered.

Financial Review for November, December and January

Ms. Shiloff moved to table the financial reviews for November, December, January and February until the next meeting. Ms. Robinson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

New Business:

a. Park It Program at Vetter Park

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the Park It Program representatives are asking for a \$500 donation this year. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

b. Vetter Park Redevelopment Strategy

Ms. Robinson indicated that the process of collecting bids for work at both Vetter and Bloomer Parks has begun again. The goal is to have Vetter Park irrigated in July so it will be ready for the 2012 season.

c. Bloomer Park Next Steps

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Other Business:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli stated he needs a recommendation to approve fees for the Great Outdoor Movie Company in the amount of \$2,800.

Ms. Robinson moved to approve the deposit payment to the Great Outdoor Movie Company in the amount of \$2,800 from Line Item 208-000-801-000 for the Movie in the Park activity. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Robinson indicated the committee is still looking for a new member. The committee would like to recommend Jean Philippe Loew and requested that he send a letter of interest to the Township Board.

Ms Robinson welcomed the new board liaison, David Lewsley, to the Parks & Rec Committee.

Mr. Lewsley noted the millage is running out and residents in the township will want to see results. He questioned what is next on the list of priorities for the Parks & Rec. Ms. Robinson stated that Vetter Park enhancements would be done before Bloomer Park. She added that she has met with the previous Township Supervisor on a monthly basis and will continue those meetings with the new supervisor.

Ms. Robinson gave Mr. Lewsley a brief overview of what has transpired with the committee. The Parks and Rec had been instrumental in planning the Master Plan. She added that many of the projects that should have already been completed were, unfortunately, stonewalled by the previous Township Board.

Ms. Carlock referenced other projects the Parks & Rec is considering, such as the ITC Trail, the Teggerdine Bike Trail, the gateway project with Waterford, and a connection with state and county parks. They will work with Highland Recreation to connect the two state parks and the new recreation passport will make the facilities more available to the public.

Ms. Carlock noted that the ITC corridor is a written grant that is ready to be submitted. The grant would be 70% of construction costs. The Parks and Rec currently has less than \$1 million and has been trying to get grants for projects as well.

With regard to connecting trails, the DNR has opted to look for other options to connect the trail. There is a large plan in the works for a trail from Teggerdine and Pontiac Lake to White Lake Road and into Indian Springs Metropark. White Lake Township's portion would be Pontiac Lake to Highland Road.

Pathways along M-59 were considered by the Parks & Rec Committee. Grant money has been obtained for a pathway and there is \$150,000 earmarked for the project. They considered the pathway from the township offices to Bogie Lake Road and had engineering plans drawn up, but there were issues with the Township Board because the money is federal and must meet the standards of a 10 ft. wide pathway. The Board felt the 10 ft. was excessive. It was noted that the earmark expires in 2015 and it may be necessary to re-purpose the funds for other projects.

b. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of April 26, 2011

Adjournment:

Ms. Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ms. Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)