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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

Chairperson Robinson called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Mr. Anderson, Ms. Deren were excused, Ms Kowalski was absent.

ROLL CALL: Steve Anderson - **Absent**
Merrie Carlock, Vice Chairperson
Debby Dehart
Deb Deren, Secretary - **Absent**
Shirley Kowalski - **Absent**
Caryn Robinson, Chairperson
Jean Shiloff
Bill Sweeney (Consultant)
Andrea Voorheis

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

Visitors: 2

It was noted that a quorum was present. A board member liaison will be appointed at the next township board meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of January 25, 2011 meeting

Ms. Voorheis moved to table the November 23, 2010 minutes for further clarification. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 as presented. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 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. Robinson read a letter from Mr. Anderson in his absence this evening. In his letter, he noted that the financial reports for December and January have been paid even though they have not been approved by the Parks and Rec Committee. He feels the reports should be continued to be tabled until answers are received from the Township Board regarding the action that was taken in Bloomer Park. Questions were directed to the Township Board during a recent meeting. Financials will continue to be reviewed and tabled until questions are addressed by the Township Board.

New Business:

a. 2011 Summer Events and Programs

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that Ms. Deren has confirmed October 29 for the Hawleyween Fun Run.

The consensus of the group was to confirm the dates of Saturday July 9 and August 20 for Movies in the Park, with back up dates of July 23 and August 27. The minimum donation from sponsors will be the same as last year, which was \$100 for 2 movies. Mr. Iacoangeli will send out applications again once the dates have been confirmed.

It was decided to have the Park-It program at Vetter Park this year and Mr. Iacoangeli will look into putting in a grant with Oakland County for the rock climbing walls, etc. Potential dates are June 23 and June 30, and July 7 and July 14.

Ms. Carlock noted the Park Registration Pass is in effect through the Secretary of State and encouraged participation.

Also discussed was the committee's partnership with Gleaner's Food Bank. Mr. Iacoangeli reported White Lake Township turned in 70 lbs. of food last year. This will be discussed again next month, along with the possibility of a Police/Fire baseball game.

b. Committee Member Removal

Ms. Robinson noted that Ms. Kowalski has missed more than 6 months of meetings and hasn't answered emails from the committee.

Ms. Robinson moved to take Shirley Kowalski off the Parks & Rec Committee. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

Ms. Robinson will send a letter to Supervisor Baroni requesting Ms. Kowalski's removal and that a letter be sent thanking her of her service on the committee. The committee is recommending Jean-Philippe Loew be appointed to the Parks & Rec Committee in her place.

c. Vetter and Bloomer Park Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the grading plan was completed by Dave Smith for the ball diamonds. The grading will take place when the frost laws are lifted. The two fields will be converted to a single field.

With regard to Bloomer Park, Mr. Iacoangeli stated he was informed that John Cherry is the new grant coordinator for the region. The revised grant has been accepted by the state with the revised amount of

\$175,000 as the township match, and the award amount from the state is \$350,000. He will take the agreement to the March 15 board meeting.

Ms. Carlock recommended the Township Board pass a resolution to accept the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund grant project agreement and authorize the Parks & Rec Committee to proceed with project initiation. Ms. Robinson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a unanimous voice vote.

Other Business:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that he met with the Huron Valley Recreation and Communication about the White Lake Farmers Market, which was approved. The market will run every Saturday from 8am to 1pm from May 7 through October 15 (rain or shine) at Lakeland High School. They drafted an application discussing costs for day and season fees. As long as vendors have a certificate and insurance policy from the county, they can vend food in addition to non-food items. They will be contacting Bogie Lake Greenhouse for their participation. Also, volunteers are still needed at the market to answer questions and help the vendors set up.

Mr. Loew asked how spot locations would be determined. Mr. Iacoangeli explained that it would be first come-first serve and seasonal vendors will get numbered spots. They have also set a 200 mile radius stipulation. It was noted for the record that our contact is Greg Morris and the next meeting is scheduled for March 9 at 1pm at Lakewood Elementary.

Mr. Iacoangeli also reported that White Lake Township is partnering with Waterford Township at Hess-Hathaway for community gardening. Plots are \$10 and \$15. This information will be listed on both White Lake and Waterford township's websites.

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. DeHart indicated she heard that a 500 mile bike trail from Toledo/Ann Arbor/Detroit was approved. She will try to get more information.

Ms. Voorheis announced that there is a meet-and-greet our new Supervisor, Greg Baroni, at Dave and Amy's tonight.

Ms. Robinson reported that she and Mr. Anderson attended the last township board meeting and brought up the fact that money is being spent from the Parks and Rec budget without approval from the committee. The Parks and Rec is requesting that township policy be followed with getting 3 quotes for each expenditure, and the final vote coming from the committee.

b. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of March 22, 2011

Adjournment:

Ms. Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Ms. Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote.