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MINUTES

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
January 25, 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: Ms. Kowalski, Ms. Carlock and Mr. Baroni were absent.

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

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

Visitors: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of November 23, 2010 meeting

Mr. Anderson moved to table the minutes of November 23, 2010 for further clarification. Ms. Robinson 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.

Jean-Philippe Loew, 247 Rosario Lane, expressed his interest in having a pathway from the North Broadmoor subdivision to Vetter Park. He stated he could bring other interested parties to the board meetings for support. He provided Mr. Anderson with the name and phone number of the president of the North Broadmoor subdivision association.

Mr. Loew also noted that there is a pond next to the park that some of the residents cleared for ice skating and he questioned whether the township could do anything to plan for access to certain areas for ice skating.

Ms. Shiloff indicated the committee had talked before about flooding the basketball courts to use as a rink, but apparently the plug to the court was not installed correctly and the rink never happened.

Financial Review for November and December

Mr. Anderson reviewed the financial reports for November and December and noted there were several key issues that should be discussed.

Mr. Anderson referenced a payment of \$550 to Mr. Brendel for the movement of land at Bloomer Park and another payment to Dawson's Tree Service for \$675 for the removal of trees at the park. The committee did not recommend any work be done in the park nor did it recommend the payment for these services. While certain township officials can authorize up to \$2,000 without approval from the Township Board, it needs to make sure there is a reason or plan that supports the expenditures. He would like clarification of who authorized this.

Ms. Robinson noted that as a group, the Parks & Rec committee has always obtained 3 bids for services and this goes against Parks & Rec policies. Mr. Brendel and Dawson's Tree Service were not authorized by the Board to do anything at Bloomer Park and because future enhancements to the park are going to be funded by grant money, it is imperative that no other work be done at the park without meeting the grant guidelines and requirements.

It was noted for the record that the treasurer of this township has approved payment to his family and his friend, and this is unacceptable to the Parks and Rec committee.

Ms. Shiloff moved to approve the December Financial Report and table the reports for October and November to further review expenses and payments. Mr. Anderson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

New Business:

- a. Approval of 2011 Meeting Dates

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the 2011 meeting dates for the Parks and Rec Committee. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

- b. Teggerdine Road Trail Project

Mr. Iacoangeli gave a brief Powerpoint presentation on the Teggerdine Pathway, which would run north on Teggerdine from Pontiac Lake Road to White Lake Road then to the entrance of Indian Springs.

There was discussion on whether the pathway could run through Mr. Kelly's farm since he wants to put his property into conversation, but it was found that Mr. Kelly's property is not ADA compliant and the large hill on the property would pose a problem.

Mr. Iacoangeli reviewed the county's existing pathway plan and noted that all the property surrounding the Teggerdine pathway is state property. He has had discussions with the state and the county and the state is interested in putting a grant together for this project. The state would apply for its own grant for their park and they would take the lead on the grant for the project. The benefit of this would reduce the need of having to acquire easements from private property and the RCOC is not opposed. The state envisions this to be off the road enough to not see vehicles from the path. In addition, the path would be

open all 4 seasons and would not be paved or blacktopped. Ms. Robinson suggested keeping the trail multi-use.

While the state would maintain the trail, the entire project would be in collaboration with the Huron Clinton Metro Parks; White Lake Township; Oakland County; the State of Michigan and the RCOC. Mr. Iacoangeli is trying to get this project motivated and he will do a presentation for the township board. Mr. Anderson suggested trying to get on the February board agenda since the grant is due May 1.

Mr. Anderson moved to request to be on the appropriate board meeting agenda for Mr. Iacoangeli to present the Teggerdine Road pathway project. Ms. Robinson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

Other Business:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli had nothing further to add.

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

It was decided to dedicate next month's meeting to discuss events to schedule, i.e., movies, the Hawley Park Fun Run, Park-It, Police/Fire baseball game, etc. The group is committed to making 2011 an exciting year of events in the township. It was also briefly discussed that the library may allow the Parks & Rec to announce upcoming events on their quarterly pamphlet.

Ms. Robinson indicated that she is removing Ms. Kowalski from the committee due to her lack of participation in recent months. She will bring this up for a vote at the next meeting. The group is moving forward and there will be new appointees to consider and a new liaison.

b. Next Meeting Date February 22, 2011

Adjournment

Ms. Voorheis moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Ms. Robinson supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)