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MINUTES

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
August 24, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Mr. Birkle, Ms. Dehart, Ms. Kowalski and Ms. Robinson were absent.

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

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

Visitors: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Carlock stated the minutes of July 27 could not be approved this evening.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of July 27, 2010 meeting

Mr. Anderson moved to table the minutes of July 27, 2010. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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

Financial Review for July

Mr. Anderson reviewed the financial statement for July. He referenced page 2, and explained the \$860 expenditure for Tax Repayment. There are currently 126 businesses that are involved in this process and we need to capture anything that has an impact on lowering the revenue coming in from the millage.

Mr. Iacoangeli further explained that big box stores will petition to have building reassessed. They look for the communities to reassess them in a lower tax class. Meijer succeeded in this and the \$860 is basically the township repaying Meijer back.

With regard to Grounds and Maintenance, Mr. Anderson noted the \$4,000 recorded is reflective of 2 months. Last December, Mr. Kowall issued the idea that ground maintenance would be \$2,000 per month for 5 months to cut and maintain the grounds. This rate appears to be competitive and the reason this can be done is that the millage states money can be used for maintenance of parks.

Ms. Carlock moved to approve July financial report as presented. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

New Business:

a. Hawley-Ween Fun Run

Ms. Deren indicated that the flyers are completed and asked if each member would take a stack to distribute. Ms. Dehart will get this posted in the paper under community events, and Mr. Sweeney is working on getting it announced on cable. Ms. Deren personally put a stack of flyers at Milford Memories as well.

With regard to goodie bags, they will contain a candy bar and an aluminum water bottle from the township. She is looking for freebies from businesses and has a commitment from a sports trainer @ LHS for biofreeze packs with her cards. Ms. Lindon will contribute pencils from Oakland County Homeland Security. She is also looking for certificates of gift cards for best costume prizes and the top 3 finishers (male/female/age groups). Ms. Shiloff will donate yellow caution tape and Mr. Iacoangeli will arrange for 12 orange safety cones. It was noted that Mr. Birkle secured a rate of \$50 each for porta potties and we will need 4 rather than 6. It was also discussed to have food/snacks at the end of the course. There will be another subcommittee meeting before the meeting next month. Members were asked to send Mr. Iacoangeli an email on what date works best for them.

b. Movie in the Park Reschedule

Rain prohibited the event from taking place. Mr. Iacoangeli will check on September 11 or September 18 to reschedule.

A White Lake resident noted that nothing was listed on the website about the movie being cancelled, but Mr. Iacoangeli indicated the township does not have access to website maintenance on the weekends. We may be able to add a statement with the advertisement that would say "the event will be cancelled in the event of rain".

Other Business:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported this is budget season and he distributed budgets from 2008/2009/2010 reflecting how much was spent during those periods and on what. This group has to figure out what projects will take priority going into 2011 and what costs to we anticipate with doing those projects, i.e., publishing,

etc. He is recommending having only 2 key projects for next year, one being Bloomer Park, which will be substantial as far as the match goes.

Ms. Shiloff asked for a signage update. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated the group can spend more time on this issue next month and he will prepare a powerpoint presentation.

Mr. Iacoangeli stated he received a letter from the state asking if we spent any money that we would want to be reimbursed with regard to Bloomer Park. The award was reduced from \$500,000 to \$350,000 and White Lake Township matched \$175,000. He noted the township was one of two to receive a grant for parks in Oakland County.

With regard to Vetter Park, Mr. Lilley, Mr. Martinko and Mr. Sweeney met at the park to review the needs and make a recommendation. Instead of regrading there may be an opportunity to fill individual spots. This may have to go to the board for approval since the entire project (grading, reseeding, irrigation) will most likely cost over \$2,000.

Mr. Iacoangeli recommended that the Parks & Rec Committee should meet with the Township Board between now and the end of the year to share thoughts on projects and budget, and what goals we have in the coming year. It would also be an opportunity to talk about the intentions for Bloomer Park.

Mr. Anderson moved to request a joint meeting with the Township Board to review plans for future projects and budget by the end of October. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote.

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Carlock announced that Hess Hathaway will start in the fall.

Deb Deren noted the committee budgeted \$31,000 last year for M-59 pathways and she would like to see that money allocated to improve the pathway on M-59 right now. There are (2) spots that are not passable and makes it dangerous for pedestrians. She asked if we could get a landscaper to at least cut down the weeds. Mr. Anderson noted that this is MDOT's jurisdiction. Ms. Deren is hoping to improve the existing pathways to make them usable. Mr. Iacoangeli will check into this. Ms. Carlock noted that MDOT has been paying communities for maintaining certain MDOT areas.

A White Lake resident said commented on a subdivision off Williams Lake Road and how it is connected. He questioned how much it would cost to put a light there, as he feels it would make the area safer for bikers and to access the park. On another note, with the Walmart extension, they put in a nice sidewalk that leads to nowhere, but there is nothing in front of the Fisk Farm. This will also be looked into further.

Ms. Voorheis will provide an update on the ballpark at the next meeting.

Mr. Anderson asked if whether "thank you" notes were sent to the movie sponsors yes. Mr. Iacoangeli stated they were not, and we now have an opportunity to notify them of the rescheduled date.

b. Next Meeting Date September 26, 2010

Adjournment

Ms. Shiloff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Carlock supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)