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MINUTES

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
June 22, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Robinson called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Birkle, Ms. Voorheis, and Ms. Kowalski were absent.

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

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

Visitors: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of May 25, 2010 meeting

Ms. Shiloff moved to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010 as presented. Ms. Dehart 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 Phillip Lauger of Rosario Lane indicated he was present at the Board meeting last week where Oakland County made a presentation on the parks and trail system. At that time, he voiced his opinion

on the linkage between Pontiac and Highland Recreation areas, but from a general benefit and use standpoint, he feels there should be sidewalks for mobility. Ms. Carlock concurred and noted the Parks & Rec is looking at more walkway projects along the roads for easier access into the parks.

Discussion continued and Mr. Lauger was encouraged to get involved with the schools and a program called "Safe Walks Throughout Michigan", and to write to his elected officials. The parents and principals of the schools have to start the ball rolling. Ms. Robinson stated the Parks and Rec Committee is here to represent him and she thanked him for coming to the meeting and encouraged him to get involved.

Financial Review for May

Ms. Shiloff moved to table this item to the next meeting. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote.

New Business:

a. Family Fun Night (Park-It Program)

Mr. Iacoangeli reminded Family Fun Night would be held Thursday, July 15th from 7-9pm in Hawley Park. There will be live music, activities for the kids, and the movie "Monsters & Aliens" will be shown. This is being advertised on cable and the township website.

b. Vetter Park Ball Diamond Resurfacing / Irrigation

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the ball season is over and now is the time to resurface and irrigate the fields at Vetter Park. He is looking for direction from the committee to proceed with quotes. Mr. Sweeney confirmed that the July 1st would be the best time to start. The fields could be closed for the rest of the year and be completed and ready for the spring season next year.

Ms. Carlock made a motion to direct Mr. Iacoangeli to move forward with field renovation and restoration of the fields at Vetter Park. Ms. Robinson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

c. Park Benches Vetter and Hawley Park

There has been discussion on getting permanent park benches for both parks. He found a company out of Wisconsin that is offering recycled plastic benches. Ms. Carlock has other vendors in Michigan that she will forward to Mr. Iacoangeli.

Ms. Robinson moved to recommend to the Township Board to purchase 4-6 benches, not to exceed \$700 per bench, to be distributed between Vetter and Hawley parks. Ms. Shiloff supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote.

d. M-59 Pathway Project

Mr. Iacoangeli reported the proposed pathway from the township hall to Bogie Lake Road was stalled due to the fact the Board was not comfortable with the width of the pathway having to be 10 ft. wide in order to be ADA compliant. The good news is that the earmark of \$147,000 is still available to be used within the corridor. Examples of how the funds could be used include land acquisition, public improvements, streetscapes, etc.

There was discussion on how much could be achieved with the \$147,000. Ms. Shiloff suggested a pathway from M-59 to Walmart down Fisk Road. The committee will come up with 3-4 ideas for the next meeting.

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that Oakland County wanted the Township Board to do a resolution to be a part of their communities and when Oakland County prepares to construct a trailway or road, they would consult with the individual community to see if they have the resources to partner on the project. Basically it obligates the community, however, the community doesn't have to be a member to get enhancement funds. He added that the new fad in road design now considers all modes of travel.

Other Business:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli thanked those who participated in the Movie in the Park event last Saturday. Attendance was a little over 100.

Ms. DeHart noted this event was not listed in the "Upcoming Events" in the paper. Discussion continued to have the ad run for 2 weeks to announce the August event. Mr. Iacoangeli added that once the list serve is created the Parks and Rec and advertise through this venue. He would really like to see the Parks & Rec have a facebook page, but he personally does not have access through the township.

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Robinson wanted to note for the record that without Mr. Iacoangeli, the Parks & Rec would not be moving forward at all. She encouraged the committee members to assist him in any way they can. Thank you Jason for all your hard work!!!

Ms. Deren reported she is in the process of organizing the "Hawley-ween 4-Mile Run" to be held on Saturday, October 30 at 9:00 a.m. She would like to have cider and donuts, but will have to rely on donations. She is participating in the "Julie Run" this weekend and would like to hand out flyers announcing this event. The committee directed her to proceed and a subcommittee will be formed soon to handle the details.

b. Next Meeting Date: July 27, 2010

Adjournment

Ms. Shiloff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Carlock supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)