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## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### MINUTES

#### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

February 23, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Carlock called the regular meeting of the White Lake Township Parks & Recreation to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Ms. Kowalski and Mr. Sweeney were absent and Ms. Robinson notified the office that she would be tardy.

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

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

Visitors: 1

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Minutes of December 10, 2009 meeting

Voorheis moved to approve the minutes of November 24, 2009 as presented. Kowalski supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Carlock opened the discussion to the public for comments on items not listed on the agenda.

Ron Groeneveld, 8088 Nathan Oscar, White Lake, distributed flyers on behalf of the Friends of Pontiac Lake. They are having an outdoor expo on June 5 at the park. They are trying to get the user groups

together to come out and show what their groups are about. They have an array of different groups coming in right now i.e. KD Outfitters, General RV, the White Lake DARE Officer, Pontiac Miniature Airplane Club, among others. Many participated last year for the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of state parks and while they had a good turnout, they would like to have even more this year.

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that he has talked to Mr. Groeneveld in the past about the Parks & Rec helping him to get this posted on the township website.

### **Financial Review for January**

**Carlock moved to review the Financial report for January at the March meeting. Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)**

### **New Business:**

- a. Discussion 2010 Summer Parks Programs
  - Movies In the Park

Mr. Iacoangeli reported he has been in contact with the person who did this last year and he has locked in some tentative dates for this year; June 12 & 19, and August 14 & 21. He looked at other festivals on puremichigan.com and it doesn't appear there would be conflicts. He added the last day of the Dream Cruise is August 14. The consensus of the group was to book June 19 and August 21.

- Park It Program

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed a printed presentation from a man who represents sponsorship solutions about the "Park It" program. This is a group of community businesses that come together to market themselves by hosting park events. He explained the process for this service and what is required from the township. The committee expressed interest and wanted to pursue this further.

There was concern with liability and Mr. Iacoangeli stated this typically falls under government immunity, but he will double check to make sure.

Mr. Iacoangeli will see if Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> would be available with this organization.

Also discussed was the fact that 4 communities have purchased a movie screen and the thought was for White Lake to partner with other communities for the same opportunity. He noted the Board would want to see costs/dates.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Staff Report**

Mr. Iacoangeli reported he will be meeting with Johnson & Anderson Monday, March 1, to walk the potential pathway along M-59. There is some difficulty with the area by Billy's and the trophy shop. The way the land is laid out, there is 7 ft. of separation from the right-of-way and a pathway may not get done at this point.

Ms. Carlock asked about striping or signage in that area and Mr. Iacoangeli thought people will have to navigate the area like they do now. There was more discussion on easements, etc. Mr. Iacoangeli will update the group when more information is available.

### **Communications:**

#### **Commissioner Comments**

Ms. Voorheis noted there is still no resolution about the field at Dublin. She and her husband came to the board meeting and this item was tabled. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated this topic has led to a series of discussions and he will see if he can get more information for her.

Ms. Voorheis added she became "a fan of White Lake" on Facebook and there has been a movement started for a Bark Park. Mr. Iacoangeli confirmed he has also been getting emails daily about a dog park. They are researching this.

Ms. Deren asked about the signage issue and Mr. Iacoangeli stated he hasn't looked into this yet this year.

The discussion continued that the Parks & Rec is doing good things, but the group feels the residents want a pathway/trail. Since ITC can't be brought to the table right now, most of the millage money is still sitting there waiting for a worthy project. The committee members were frustrated that they meet month after month and feel they have to prove something to the residents. From a publicity standpoint, they want the residents to know where the millage stands. The residents also need to know that planning a pathway takes years and they should be kept informed. It was agreed it is unfortunate that White Lake doesn't have an abandoned rail corridor.

Also discussed was creating a line item budget for maintenance and what happens to the money earned on interest.

**Next meeting date:**

Regular Meeting of March 23, 2010

**Adjournment**

**Carlock moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)**