

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383
MARCH 12, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Grubb called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL: Andrea Voorheis – Township Board Liaison
Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison
CJ Bratta
Kathleen Aseltyne
Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Deb Deren, Vice Chair

Absent: None

Also Present: Sean O’Neil, Planning Director
Sherri Ward, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 5

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. February 12, 2020

Ms. Grubb moved to approve the minutes of February 12, 2020 as presented. Mr. Bratta supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Woodard (953 Schuyler) asked about the well on the Stanley Park property, it’s being plugged. It’s his understanding the parking for the park right now is up by Elizabeth Lake Road for the time being, there

are no plans for the park right now. He asked what happened to all the barrels, etc. that were down there. Mr. O'Neil report that they have been removed and some grading needs to be done, and possibly bring in some stone for the existing drive area.

Mary Woodard (953 Schuyler) asked about the boat launch. It will probably be a canoe or kayak launch.

John Earley (5925 Pine Ridge Ct.) asked if there is a difference between a ramp and a landing. Ms. Carlock is unsure. Right now there is a concrete boat ramp that is mostly under water.

Mary Earley (5925 Pine Ridge Ct) asked who will make the park plan. Mr. O'Neil would like to get our new staff planner on board to start taking a look at that. We will solicit RFQ's to plan the park. They will present their qualifications during the RFQ. It's a process that we will kick off soon. There are unique features to this park and it will be a process where we want to involve the residents input.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review of Arborist's summary of Stanley Park

Mr. O'Neil went over the Arborist's summary. There are some very old, nice trees and many of them are near the old block building. Ms. Carlock suggested having them measured because the State keeps track of the largest trees in the state. 37 trees will be removed, and 50 will be pruned. We did not go off the beaten path at this time.

b. Update on scope and timing of tree removal/pruning

Three bids were received and the removal contract will be awarded to Dawson's Complete Tree Care at a cost of \$ 17,000. and they would like to start soon. This will be weather driven. There was some discussion about painting the pruned areas of the trees. Ms. Carlock wants to make sure the oak trees are done at the correct time.

Kim Turner (971 Schuyler) asked if it will include stump grinding, it will not at this time.

Ms. Carlock moved to award the tree removal and pruning bid to Dawson Tree Care and add a contingency at the discretion of the Township Supervisor to paint the pruning areas to prevent wilt. Ms. Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. O'Neil reported that the new staff planner will start next week and previously worked at Meridian Township and went to Michigan State. Mr. O'Neil feels he will be a quick study and his interview was impressive. Fire Department Administration and the Water Department have moved over to the Annex. Mr. O'Neil suggested a Stanley Park tour in May.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Member Comments

Mr. Bratta wanted to congratulate the Fire Department for their successful fire training for the houses on Elizabeth Lake Road. He talked to many people on voting day and they are excited about the new park acquisition and they are interested in walking trails that could connect up to the new library.

Ms. Voorheis reported that they had their first meeting at the Annex last night for a special meeting for the challenges with the Sprader's on the Lake building. There will be another special meeting for a Fire Department presentation.

Ms. Deren reported that there is a run in Indian Springs called the Teddy Trek on June 7th.

Ms. Grubb had no report from the Planning Commission. She's excited to see the park.

Ms. Aselyne reported that there is a public meeting for the Master Plan for Pontiac Lake Recreation Area and she thinks it will be great experience. She reported that Supervisor Kowall called her about having some events such as food trucks or music at the park, she used to do Spark in the Park. Ms. Carlock suggested May. You could have a band play in the pavilion at the end of the Police Open House. Ms. Aselyne will speak with Chief Keller about the possibility of a band after the Police Open House.

Adjournment:
8:06 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2020