

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Regular Meeting  
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383  
**JANUARY 8, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Sean O’Neil, Planning Director  
Jason Iacoangeli, AICP, Senior Planner  
Sherri Ward, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 8

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. December 11, 2019

**Ms. Aseltyne moved to approve the minutes of December 11, 2019 as presented. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Steve Woodward (953 Schuyler) asked if soil testing was done at Stanley Park. The State required a Phase 1 Environmental Study to be done prior to the purchase of the property. He asked who was coordinating the activity, and it's the Township, primarily the Clerk's office along with Planning. He asked what the maintenance plan for the Park is. It will be maintained as status quo for right now by the Township. We're looking at having an arborist go through the park for dead trees. Mr. Iacoangeli noted that as soon as we think the park is safe for the public, we'll invite the public in.

Mary Woodward (953 Schuyler) asked who did the environmental study? Mr. Iacoangeli reported that it was ASTI Environmental and all this information can be found at our WLT Planning Department.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. 2020 Grant Targets

Ms. Carlock noted that we just received news that Jason Iacoangeli will be leaving the Township on January 16, 2020. We're all very sad, but happy for Jason. Jason had been here for 12 ½ years.

There was some discussion about the water extension to Lakeland. Mr. O'Neil reported that placing a pathway over the water line saves time and money and easements have been secured already for the water extension.

We would like to firm up any grant targets that we would like to see accomplished. The list that we have now is a good starting point. Ms. Carlock asked what Mr. Iacoangeli and Mr. O'Neil think about the grant targets. Mr. O'Neil noted that when you talk about Stanley Park, there is so much planning that needs to take place still.

Ms. Carlock would like to see some grants for Hidden Pines Park. She doesn't see acquisitions on the list currently, and thinks with development in the area there are still some areas in the Township that are lacking and could use parks.

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that we still need to have a discussion about a blue park. We could do a launch or takeout. Ms. Carlock stated that we would need to do a study of that such as portages, etc. Mr. O'Neil reported that Oakland County provides resources and if they could do the trail study that would be great. The land has been acquired and rezoned.

b. Civic Center Pathway RFQ

Mr. Iacoangeli discussed the triangle path along Elizabeth Lake Road, Highland and Teggerdine. There should be some discussion with the Road Commission regarding the design of the roundabouts and how the pathways could be designed with that development in mind. We would like to put this out for a formal bid for design of this. Mr. Iacoangeli pulled up the aerials for the Teggerdine area and showed how much road right of way there is along Teggerdine for paths.

Ms. Aseltyne noted that she is very impressed with the plans for the Civic Center development, we've been talking about this since the late 1980's.

**Ms. Carlock moved to request that the Township Board seek a RFQ for design and feasibility of the triangle pathway project along Highland, Teggerdine and Elizabeth Lake Road. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)**

c. Civic Center Park Public Engagement

Ms. Carlock noted that the park will be called Stanley Park. The idea with this agenda item is to discuss when we will be doing this engagement and how robust should it be. The next step should be a plan for the park. Each of the Township parks are master planned. Planning will get the public's engagement started. It may include some targeted mailings to people within 300 feet, and maybe across the lake. There may be two evenings of meetings, or even a 9 a.m. meeting with a 5 p.m. meeting in one day. Mr. Iacoangeli reported that we'll digest it all and come up with four or five plans and ask for the public's input. There may be some venue ideas for summertime entertainment.

Matt Behr (688 Sunset) would like to see the mailings include all lakefront property owners.

Patrick Brostrom (1029 Beech Island Court) asked if most of the funding will come from grants? That is the plan. Mr. Iacoangeli reported that we have probably leveraged our park investments 3 to 1 in terms of funding. Stanley Park was a \$1.4 million grant. There will be some millage dollars involved.

**Ms. Carlock moved to request that the Planning Department and the Township Supervisor hire an arborist to remove dead and dangerous trees in Stanley Park. Mr. Baratta supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes).**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

a. 2020 MParks Conference

Mr. Iacoangeli thinks that everyone has been registered at this point and they can go online to the website to see what sessions you want to attend. The conference and trade show portion is Mr. Iacoangeli's favorite. Ms. Carlock thanked the Supervisor's office and Planning for allowing everyone to attend.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. Staff Report

Mr. O'Neil reported that he is sad to see Mr. Iacoangeli go, and joked that he's mad at him but he'll get over it. We'll start the process of hiring additional Planning personnel and Mr. O'Neil is sure Mr. Iacoangeli will be available to us for any questions we may have.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Commissioner Comments

CJ Bratta is a new board member and introduced himself. He had the opportunity to view Stanley Park and they have made a lot of progress in the last month.

Ms. Aseltyne had no comments.

Ms. Voorheis said the Township board has been working on ordinances. They are also working on a SAD for Pinecrest. She was really impressed with Stanley Park, there is a tree there that's supposed to be 400 years old.

Ms. Deren asked if the Township building might be available for registration for a run, it should be. Mr. O'Neil noted that the Police Department likes to get involved from a public safety standpoint and she should contact them.

Ms. Grubb reported that the Planning Commission discussed Lakepointe at Union Lake Road and Bocovina, there is a new plan for attached ranch apartments and they need to work on their density. There was also a waiver request for an assisted living facility at Calvary Church and that was approved. She noted that we'll miss Mr. Iacoangeli.

Ms. Carlock had no comments.

**Adjournment:**  
**8:20 p.m.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 12, 2020