

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

White Lake Township Annex - 7527 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383

**March 9, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

ROLL CALL: Rhonda Grubb  
Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison  
Kathleen Aseltyne

Absent: Merrie Carlock, Chairperson  
Deb Deren, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner  
Sherri Barber, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Trustee Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 3 yes votes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Member Grubb moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022 as presented. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 3 yes votes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Caryn Robinson – request to pass resolution supporting horse crossing road signs**

Caryn Robinson (4475 McKeachie Road) noted she worked with groups for trails. They wanted a multiuse trail from Highland Recreation Area years ago. They could not get it approved due to crossing Highland Road. They would like to take a trail from Stanley Park to Indian Springs. Staff Planner Quagliata reported Senator Runestad's Office attempted to obtain funding for trails. Ms. Robinson stated she wanted to be able to recreate safely in her community.

Ms. Robinson was in attendance to discuss the necessity of horse crossing road signs. She requested support from the Parks and Recreation Committee. She stated she may be able to pay for some of the signs through the Pontiac Lake Horseman's Association, or the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) may pay for the signs.

Trustee Scott Ruggles was in attendance and stated he approached the RCOC for tractor crossing road signs. He noted any signs would be a benefit to everyone just to raise awareness and slow motorists down.

The Parks and Recreation Committee stated it would consider a resolution supporting horse crossing and tractor crossing road signs at its next meeting.

**B. General park rules and regulations update – Discussion Part 3**

Staff Planner Quagliata discussed removing Rule #2, editing Rule #7, and modifying Rule #10 to add drones to the list. Hunting had to be handled separately. Member Aseltyne asked if the Committee should add a rule regarding proper attire required. The Committee and Staff Planner Quagliata stated the hunting portion of the park rules update should be in place by the end of the third quarter.

**C. Summer Event – continuing discussion**

Member Aseltyne booked the person to do balloons and face painting, and she would like to get the band shell booked. Staff Planner Quagliata asked the Committee members if they wanted to have alcohol at the event. The Committee decided not to have a beer/wine tent at the event.

Trustee Voorheis stated she had encouraged Township Board members to help with the event.

The Committee discussed free food such as subs or pizzas, or food trucks. The Committee liked the idea of food trucks.

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the event hours would be 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He would bring advertisement flyers to the next meeting for review. There may be grants available for the bands.

Staff Planner Quagliata thanked the Committee for their efforts.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported the Township Board approved the Stanley Park Becket & Raeder proposal; the virtual kickoff meeting for the project was next week. He added the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (5-Year Recreation Plan) was advertised.

b. Member Comments

Member Aseltyne reported on the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC). Sodium chloride levels were elevated in our lakes and streams. The HRWC was researching alternate methods to salt such as gravel or beet juice. The HRWC wanted to become more visible. Staff Planner Quagliata stated HRWC could give another presentation at a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.