

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

White Lake Township Hall - 7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383

April 13, 2022 @ 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: Rhonda Grubb
Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison (arrived at 7:53 p.m.)
Kathleen Aseltyne
Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Deb Deren, Vice Chair

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Member Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Aseltyne moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022 as presented. Member Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to pass resolution supporting horse crossing road signs

Staff Planner Quagliata stated there was discussion at the March meeting regarding horse crossing and tractor crossing road signs. The resolution was prepared at the Committee's request. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) would decide if the signs should be installed. Staff Planner Quagliata presented the resolution.

Member Deren MOTIONED to pass the resolution supporting horse crossing and tractor crossing road signs. Member Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

B. Parks & Recreation Master Plan RFP Review & Discussion

Staff Planner Quagliata reported two proposals were received for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Beckett and Raeder and Groya Consulting. He recommended the Committee interview both consultants at the next meeting and then make a recommendation to the Township Board. The Committee supported interviewing the two consultants at its May meeting.

C. CISMA Bloomer Park Survey Report (September 2021)

Staff Planner Quagliata discussed the need for treatment of phragmites at Bloomer Park. Member Aseltyne stated would like to use environmentally safe treatment methods. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the phragmites problem was not major at this point but would need to be monitored. Chairperson Carlock would like to treat the phragmites sooner rather than later.

D. Summer Event – continuing discussion

Member Aseltyne reported the bands were booked. She was looking into an arts and humanities grant to help pay for the bands. She had been unable to find an available food truck. An ice cream cart was booked. There was a suggestion to ask Billy's Tip N Inn or Leo's for food. Staff Planner Quagliata stated he would ask the Police Department if the Committee could borrow a tent. Member Aseltyne suggested adding an area asking for volunteers on the flyer and having them respond via email.

Mary Earley (5925 Pine Ridge Ct.) asked if she could get flyers to hand out in their neighborhood. Staff Planner Quagliata stated he would make sure she received flyers. Chairperson Carlock suggested sending flyers to the local elementary schools.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported the Stanley Park project was being required to receive formal consultation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to confirm there would be no adverse impact to Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes. He stated the next Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) window to submit documentation to the National Park Service (NPS) would open in mid-June. He added Bloomer Park had tree maintenance completed by Maxon's.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis had a special Township Board meeting earlier tonight. There was discussion about a development at the old trailer park behind the Gin Mill party store. She added a new Assessor was hired.

Member Deren reported the backroad run in White Lake is August 6. The Peace, Love, Run event was next weekend at Indian Springs.

Chairperson Carlock learned about e-bikes. She also learned about Oak openings, where you see meadows around Oak trees and blue lupines.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.