

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

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

February 9, 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
Kathleen Aseltyne
Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Deb Deren, Vice-Chairperson

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Deren moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2022 as presented. Member Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request for Proposals - Park & Recreation Master Plan (5 Year Recreation Plan)

Staff Planner Quagliata reported the current plan expired at the end of 2022. A current 5-year recreation plan was needed to be eligible for grants. It was time for a comprehensive review and update of the plan. This could be the only opportunity to have a millage funded plan.

The Committee supported advertising the RFP.

B. General park rules and regulations update – Discussion Part 2

Staff Planner Quagliata stated there were currently 15 general rules and regulations. Each park also had specific rules. At this time, no hunting in Township parks was unenforceable, but would be enforceable after the update to the Prohibited Hunting Areas. Alcohol should be allowed in the parks. Staff Planner Quagliata had this on the agenda for discussion. Member Aseltyne asked about marijuana. There was no public smoking, and the Township opted out of allowing marijuana facilities.

Mrs. Early stated they had a problem with drones near them and they would like drones prohibited in the parks.

C. Summer Event – Liquor License Request

Staff Planner Quagliata discussed the process for obtaining a one-day liquor license. The license fee for municipalities was \$50. Chairperson Carlock noted Billy's Tip'n Inn provided alcohol service to Hess Hathaway for their events. Member Aseltyne asked staff if people could bring their own drinks if the event had alcohol. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the current park rules prohibit it.

Member Grubb moved to recommend to the Township Board to approve applying for a special license to sell beer and wine for the Summer Event on June 25, 2022. Member Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote (5 votes).

OTHER BUSINESS:

Member Aseltyne – summer event communication – June 25th

Member Aseltyne provided a list of suggestions for the summer event. She met with an event planner to discuss the best activities. There needed to be discussion about who would staff the event. This could be a trial event that could carryover to Stanley Park when ready to hold events there. Staff Planner Quagliata set expectations for the event. Trustee Voorheis suggested starting out smaller. Chairperson Carlock suggested a small subcommittee for event planning meetings. Member Aseltyne would like to get the bands and clowns booked quickly because they get booked fast. She would also like a food truck. She liked the idea of some fun, educational activities for children. Chairperson Carlock suggested advertising the event in the Spinal Column.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported the engineering and design was being finalized on the Triangle Trail. The Bloomer Park oak wilt project was delayed until the fall. There were eight red oak trees an arborist recommended be removed by March 1. Chairperson Carlock would like a second opinion on the trees. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Township Board would consider approval of the Becket & Raeder consulting services proposal at its February 15 meeting.

Staff Planner Quagliata thanked everyone for their hard work. The Parks and Recreation Committee was established in 1997 and this year was the 25th anniversary of the Committee's formation.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis noted the Township would be getting another Taco Bell. She added River Caddis had a purchase agreement for the property near the Ruggles farm stand and rezoned the property for multiple-family residential development. The Fire Department now had a drone. The Township Fire Department would become certified for ALS.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.