

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Special Meeting

White Lake Township Hall, 7525 Highland, White Lake, MI 48383  
**October 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Chairperson Carlock called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

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

Absent:           None

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

**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 September 14, 2022 as presented. Member Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 5 yes votes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Parks & Recreation Survey Results - Discussion**

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the survey results had been added to the packet which was available online. Leah Groya summarized the survey results. 443 survey responses were received, which was pretty good compared to other communities. A good cross-section of the Township was represented by the responses.

**B. Groya Consulting – Parks & Recreation Master Plan - Update**

Leah Groya presented a portion of the draft 5-Year Recreation Plan. The draft Plan should be available for public review in December. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Plan would have its own capital improvement program. Leah Groya stated the Township was trying to balance being realistic and thinking big in terms of capital projects. She noted it was advantageous for the Plan to anticipate opportunities that could arise during the Plan period.

Leah Groya stated there were other agencies which perform planning work that could help with obtaining information and planning for regional projects. The Metroparks were looking at connecting its parks via trailways. There was a M-59 resurfacing project in 2025 or 2026 and maybe some side paths could be incorporated into the project.

Chairperson Carlock suggested looking at the current plan to see what had been accomplished.

Staff Planner Quagliata was pleased with where the draft Plan was at and excited to show the Committee a more comprehensive draft in November. He liked the way the Plan was presented; it was a user-friendly, readable document. Leah Groya said people were already looking for the inventory map. Chairperson Carlock stated the Township was lucky to have so much land for parks and recreation.

The Committee did a brainstorming exercise to gather additional input for the Master Plan. These comments would be incorporated into the Plan.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata noted he was working with the Supervisor's Office, White Lake Historical Society, and Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce on the trunk-or-treat event. He asked Committee members to bring their car and give out candy if they were available. Staff anticipated approximately 200 kids. He added planning was underway for the tree lighting. He added staff planned to apply for a grant to construct the Triangle Trail from the Wilson Foundation.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis stated she had prior plans and may not be able to help with trunk-or-treat.

Member Aseltyne wanted to get Kris Olson from the Huron River Watershed Council to attend a meeting again. Staff Planner Quagliata suggested the February meeting, and asked the Committee to start thinking about what it would like Kris to talk about. Member Aseltyne would like to see a big map of the lakes, most of them are just dammed rivers. She reported she went to Suds on the River in Ann Arbor and it was a great event.

Member Grubb had a conflict and could not attend trunk-or-treat.

Member Deren had no comment.

Chairperson Carlock had a conflict and could not attend trunk-or-treat. She worked the Hess-Hathaway event last weekend.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.**

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