

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting
HAWLEY PARK PAVILION
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383
October 14, @ 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

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

Absent: CJ Bratta

Also Present: Sean O’Neil, Planning Director
 Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner
 Sherri Barber, Recording Secretary

Visitors: Brian Barrick, Beckett & Raeder
 Caitlin Jackson, Beckett & Raeder
 60 members of the public

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was not any discussion about the approval of the prior meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident suggested turning the basketball courts into an ice rink during the winter. Mr. O’Neil stated that was a possibility staff could look into.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Stanley Park Public Visioning Session

Supervisor Kowall thanked everyone for attending the event. Stanley Park came as an opportunity for the Township, and the State paid for 74% of the park. We'll start from scratch, and the property was a jewel. There will be no boat launch, only kayaks and canoes will be able to launch. The Parks and Recreation Committee went through a process to select a consultant to design the park.

Brian Barrick and Caitlin Jackson from Beckett & Raeder were in attendance to help facilitate the visioning session. Mr. Barrick explained a master plan was required by the State for grant applications and would act as a blueprint for the park design. Gas, oil, and mineral royalties benefited the State and parks. The Township was at the beginning of the master plan process. The goal for the visioning session was to gather input to see what residents wanted in the park. Beckett & Raeder would gather the data and come up with design concepts. The park property was 57 acres in size and located off Elizabeth Lake Road with waterfront on Brendel Lake. There were wetlands on the property and a former campground building. There were large, gorgeous, landmark type trees on the property.

Mr. Barrick explained a series of exercises to gather thoughts and ideas for the park.

The thoughts or ideas generated from the break out groups were as follows:

- Don't change Mud Lake
- Natural lake front
- Wetlands
- Walking paths
- Restrooms
- Locking gates
- No pavilion on water
- Water quality
- Keep native plants as natural as possible
- Park access from water for residents
- Nature trails
- Public arts
- Pickle ball/tennis (active sports)
- Zero light pollution
- No activities after dark
- No dock
- No parking or structure visible from water
- Fitness trail
- Tree and lakeshore preservation

Beckett & Raeder thanked everyone for their participation. After the meeting was adjourned, Beckett & Raeder would rank the ideas presented. The data would be provided to the Planning Department and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. None

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Member Comments

There were no member comments.

Adjournment:
6:33 p.m.

The next meeting is TUESDAY, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.