

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Virtual Regular Meeting  
7525 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383  
**March 10, 2021 @ 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:     Andrea Voorheis – Township Board Liaison, White Lake Township  
                  Merrie Carlock, Chairperson, White Lake Township  
                  CJ Bratta, White Lake Township  
                  Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison, White Lake Township

Absent:         Kathleen Aseltyne  
                  Deb Deren, Vice Chair

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Ms. Grubb moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2021 as presented. Mr. Bratta supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one raised their hand from the public virtually to make public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Stanley Park Grant Application Update

Mr. Quagliata reported the Township engaged Kidorf Preservation Consulting to complete the SHPO application at a cost of \$ 1,500. He would email the proposal to the Park and Recreation Committee members. Kidorf had done several SHPO applications. An archaeologist will come to the site and it will be done well before the grant deadline of April 1. The Township Supervisor approved the expenditure. Beckett & Raeder would also be paid \$500 to review and submit the SHPO application. SHPO expenses may be reimbursable according to Ms. Carlock.

Mr. Quagliata added Ms. Aseltyne made the recommendation for Kidorf and recognized her assistance. A public hearing would be held next Tuesday for the grant application during the Township Board meeting. The Board agenda was online and the public hearing was advertised, the meeting would be Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There would need to be letters of support for the grant application.

b. Stanley Park picnic tables

Mr. Quagliata reported he and Supervisor Kowall discussed adding picnic tables to Stanley Park. People would use the park in advance of the development. We would have bought tables in the future anyhow, but could buy them now so they could be used. Some waste receptacles would be added too. They received a quote from the same company that provided the tables at Bloomer Park. Ms. Carlock noted at least two ADA tables were needed and she supported the same tables as the other parks for consistency. Mr. Quagliata said two tables will cost \$6,657.86. There wasn't a price break until you purchased a large quantity. The tables were steel framed. Mr. Bratta asked how many pavilions were planned for Stanley Park and thought using the same tables throughout the Township was a good idea. Mr. Quagliata said the Township was going to need tables anyway, and we could make an investment now. Mr. Bratta stated we wanted to get people excited and down in the park.

**Mr. Bratta motioned to recommend to the Township Board the approval of the purchase of six picnic tables at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. The purchase will include two barrier free tables and 4 standard tables. Ms. Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a roll call vote: Voorheis – yes; Grubb – yes; Carlock – yes; Bratta – yes. 4 yes votes.**

Ms. Voorheis would see if this could be discussed at the April Township Board meeting so we could get the tables ordered. Ms. Voorheis suggested dog waste stations too. Mr. Quagliata would get prices for those, and the Committee members directed staff to order the dog waste stations.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Quagliata had a conversation with Ms. Aseltyne. She was the Township liaison to the Huron River Watershed Council, and asked if they could come to the April meeting or a meeting this spring for a presentation. Ms. Carlock suggested they could talk about their organization and what they do for communities. Mr. Quagliata suggested the Committee could have green theme presentations a couple times per year. Ms. Carlock suggested Ms. Aseltyne could organize some speakers for the Committee. Ms. Carlock would like to see people from Oakland County parks and trails, the schools, Friends of Highland Recreation Area, etc. Ms. Carlock thanked Ms. Aseltyne for her ideas. Mr. Quagliata suggested two presentations per year.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Member Comments

Mr. Bratta noted the Committee was concerned about the environment. The Stanley Park would be improved for the community and the property was in much better hands with Township ownership.

Ms. Grubb reported the Planning Commission granted final site plan approval for the Eagles Landing development near Lakeland. They also discussed the proposed Pontiac Lake Overlook apartments.

Ms. Carlock mentioned the Planning Commission asked the developer of Eagles Landing for a cut through at the back of the development for kids to go to the school property. Ms. Carlock would be interested in meeting with the school to get some type of limestone path.

Ms. Voorheis reported that Ms. Carlock had been reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee for her 15th year and thanked her for her service. She would like people to be at the Board meeting in support of the grant application. It had been a busy month with the CCDC.

Ms. Carlock appreciated all of the Committee members and the work from everyone on the plan for Stanley Park. She would like to start meeting outside at some of the Township parks in May.

**Adjournment:**  
**7:47 p.m.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.