

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on January 22, 2007 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

**Roll Call** – Present: Saira Comerford, Kevin Dodd, Laura Evich, Steve Offman, Maureen Okasinski, Diana Schroeder

Youth Commissioners Steve Nosakowski, Megan Semon

Absent: John Keenan

Also in attendance: Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Lee Cox

### **07-005 – Approval of Agenda**

Okasinski/Schroeder motion to approve the agenda as presented but to move “Commissioners’ Report” to top of agenda. Motion passed.

### **07-006 – Approval of Minutes**

Schroeder/Dodd motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2007 regular meeting with correction. Motion passed.

### **Commissioners’ Report**

- Okasinski: Maureen gives happy birthday wishes to Steve, Lee, Mike, Scott and herself and offers birthday donuts.
- Schroeder: Diana also extends happy birthday wishes and offers birthday cookies.
- Comerford: Saira nothing at this time.
- Dodd: Kevin extends happy birthday wishes and many more.
- Evich: Laura extends happy birthday wishes.
- Offman: Steve nothing at this time.
- Youth Commissioners: Also give happy birthday wishes. April 21 is the tentative date for “Operation Clean-Up Parks” which falls on Earth Day weekend.

### **Old Business**

- *Park Commission Bylaws*: Tabled.
- *Five-Year Master Plan*: Mike anticipated the cost to be \$30,000 based on the current five-year master plan. However in speaking with Wade-Trim, the cost should not exceed \$14,000. In discussion with Treasurer Brang and Finance Director Cubba, we will attempt to split this cost with Glenhurst Golf Course. Also we will not have to go out for official bid; we can use Wade-Trim. An official letter stating this will be forthcoming after the budget is approved.

### **New Business**

- *2007 Park Commission Goals*: Commissioner Okasinski would like to discuss items in the master plan with the staff. She wants this to be a combined group effort with the Park Commission and recreation staff plus input from the administration. The five-year master plan is our wish list and money will be an issue. We will need grants and donations as the next five years will be tight again. The previous plan had several citizen quorums. Copy of current “Action Program” to be distributed to Commissioners.
- *Redford Jaycees’ Circus*: Doreen Arwood representing the Redford Jaycees states that previously they have used Bell Creek for the annual circus but the park is already booked. The Jaycees are looking for a park, possibly Capitol or Claude Allison, where

they can host this event. It is suggested that we contact Wayne County about moving whoever has rented Bell Creek to Capitol in exchange for the Jaycees using the park. Mike to call Wayne County.

#### **07-007 – Approval of Use of Park**

Comerford/Schroeder motion to allow the Redford Jaycees use of Claude Allison Park for their circus. Mrs. Arwood to examine their contract to confirm if there is damage who would be responsible. Motion passed.

- *Relay for Life:* Doreen Arwood is requesting the use of Claude Allison Park for the fourth annual Relay for Life, June 2 & 3. She assures the Commission they will be out in time for the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday. The Park Commission will again contact the Fire Dept. for approval of fire pits.

#### **07-008 – Approval of Use of Park**

Schroeder/Evich motion to allow the use of Claude Allison Park on June 2 & 3, 2007 for the annual Relay for Life. Motion passed.

#### **Department Report**

- *Burgess:* Theresa is talking with Michigan State and Central Michigan about an intern. More classes are beginning at Pearson. Theresa and Tom discussed youth focuses for next year.
- *Curle:* Mike states the ice rink is complete and details some of the problems his staff is encountering. There was an article in the Observer on the outdoor ice rink. We have also distributed flyers to the schools promoting it. Signs are posted stating “skating today” or “no skating today”; however it appears so far that the signs are ineffective as there are several spots on the ice where someone has broken through. Mike is questioned about the cost of water usage; he will advise. Mike is working on a tree grant for another 20 trees as well as a softball grant for up to \$4,000. Mike will be meeting with the little leagues to discuss maintenance issues and improvements for next year.

#### **07-009 – Approval of Park Bills**

Comerford/Okasinski motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$14,248.01; Parks Maintenance - \$9,614.68. Roll Call: Comerford, Dodd, Evich, Offman, Okasinski, Schroeder – Yes. Approved.

#### **Communication**

Tom states the parks newsletter is cool. The Commissioners would like to get a hard copy of it.

#### **Citizen Comments**

Kory Lambarth is chairperson for “Project Clean-Up Parks” and would like to discuss what is needed with Mike after the meeting. Kory is hoping for volunteers.

#### **07-010 – Adjournment**

Evich/Schroeder motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox, Parks & Recreation Secretary