

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on February 26, 2007 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

**Roll Call** – Present: Laura Evich, John Keenan, Steve Offman, Diana Schroeder, Youth Commissioner Steve Nosakowski

Absent: Saira Comerford, Kevin Dodd, Maureen Okasinski, Youth Commissioner Megan Semon

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

#### **07-016 – Approval of Agenda**

Evich/Schroeder motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

#### **07-017 – Approval of Minutes**

Schroeder/Keenan motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2007 regular meeting. Motion passed.

#### **Old Business**

- *Park Commission Bylaws*: Tabled.
- *Five-Year Master Plan*: Tabled.
- *2007 Park Commission Goals*: Tabled.
- *501C3 Paperwork (Friends of Redford Parks)*: Tom is still investigating and will create a sub-committee. Tabled.

#### **New Business**

- *Parks & Recreation Recognition Event*: Tabled.
- *Redford Township Memorial Day Parade (6/3/7)*: Does the Park Commission want to participate in the annual parade.

#### **07-018 – Approval of Parade**

Schroeder/Keenan motion to approve the Park Commission's participation in the annual Memorial Day Parade. Motion passed.

- *Field Permits – Change in Policy*: A group that regularly uses our lighted hardball diamonds stated they had not used the field on a particular date for which they had been invoiced. They did not call prior to their field use to inform P&R they were canceling. Therefore the lights that were set for them on a timer still came on despite the fact that the diamond was not used. The P&R staff would like to see a disclaimer added to the field permits regarding cancellation of light usage.

#### **07-019 – Approval of Field Permit Change**

Evich/Schroeder motion to approve the change to field permits to state that the user understands unless they cancel their lighted field usage 24 hours prior to rental, they will still be responsible for the fee for light usage (\$20 per hour). Motion passed.

- *Fun Bag Rentals – Change in Policy*: There has never been a charge for the rental of fun bags and many times items are returned broken or missing. P&R would like to institute a small fee to recoup some of our costs to replace equipment.

#### **07-020 – Approval of Fun Bag Policy Change**

Evich/Schroeder motion to approve the change to fun bag rental policy to include a fee for rental - \$10 first item, \$20 second item, \$25 all three items. Motion passed.



### **Department Report**

- Cox: Lee states that together with Scott Gray, they have applied for a grant from MDASA (Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Assoc.) for 30 yards of red infield mix, 10 yards on each of our lighted softball diamonds. Three communities have responded and we will be informed soon if we will receive the grant.
- Burgess: Theresa states that a couple of new classes at Pearson have enough participants to run and she is excited about that. She is working out the glitches at Pearson. Theresa and Mike met with the reps from Access to Recreation. We are looking to add more items to the park. If we don't get the grant this year, then at least we have our foot in the door for next year.
- O'Connor: Tom met with Mike Dennis and Donna Rhodes about Roosevelt and other locations. If board office moves, it could be used for educational purposes. Theresa and Donna are trying to apply for 21<sup>st</sup> century grant which is due in May to provide a learning center at the board office. \$50,000 is the minimum; Theresa and Donna will have more info soon.

### **Commissioners' Report**

- Evich: Laura said there was a packed house at the Daddy/Daughter Dance and gives kudos to Scott & Leslie Gray and his helpers. Laura will be the bunny at the Bunny Brunch and she is looking forward to it. Laura congratulates Steve for being in the paper for "Chamber's Spirit of Redford".
- Schroeder: Diana congratulates Theresa on the press the Jaycees received.
- Keenan: John along with Mike met with the little leagues on ball diamond improvements. The turnout was great along with a good discussion on what is needed on ball diamonds, dugouts, etc. St. Val's wants electricity to the diamonds. The consensus is most of the funds will be spent at Capitol first. The little leagues are interested in providing labor if we provide the materials.
- Offman: Steve nothing at this time.
- Nosakowski: Steve is going with the Youth Commission to visit the Capitol of Michigan on March 8. Also on March 23 & 24 for a youth symposium and will learn about topics such as starting a commission in Holland. They are coordinating an ice skating event for St. Patrick's Day.

### **07-021- Approval of Park Bills**

Schroeder/Keenan motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$1,077.70; Parks Maintenance - \$276.22. Roll Call: Evich, Keenan, Offman, Schroeder – Yes. Approved.

### **Communication**

A copy of the letter from the Beautification Commission (Beverly Watts) to Wayne County was received and they are concerned about the downed trees in Bell Creek and Lola Valley.

### **Citizen Comments**

N/A

### **07-022 – Adjournment**

Evich/Schroeder motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox, Parks & Recreation Secretary

