

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

Roll Call – Present: Kevin Dodd, Laura Evich, John Keenan, Steve Offman, Maureen Okasinski, Diana Brang-Schroeder

Absent: Saira Comerford, Youth Commissioner Steve Nosakowski, Megan Semon

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

07-028 – Approval of Agenda

Keenan/Dodd motion to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of "501C3 Paperwork". Motion passed.

07-029 – Approval of Minutes

Evich/Dodd motion to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2007 regular meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Old Business

- *Park Commission Bylaws*: Nothing new; tabled.
- *Five-Year Master Plan*: Tabled.
- *2007 Park Commission Goals*: Tabled.
- *Parks & Recreation Recognition Event*: Sub-committee planned to meet but there are no funds in the budget for a special meeting until April 1, 2007. Plan to meet at 6pm before the next meeting. Need nomination form posted on website and emailed to all Commissioners. Modify nomination date as June 1. Sub-committee to consist of Commissioners Comerford, Offman, Okasinski, Brang-Schroeder.

07-030 – Approval of Change on Nomination Date

Okasinski/Keenan motion to approve to modify the submission date to nominate volunteers for the P&R recognition event to June 1, 2007. Motion passed.

- *Ball Diamond Renovations – Pearson & Western Graham*: Waiting for bids; tabled.

New Business

- *Concession Issues*: Commissioner Keenan spoke with Clerk Christie and Supervisor Handy regarding the Commission's displeasure regarding the plans for eliminating the concession stands. Supervisor Handy stated that the Commission should have known since the budget had been posted for thirty days. Supervisor Handy gives the go ahead to keep the concessions in-house with the understanding that if they run at a deficit it will come out of our capitol improvements. Scott Gray explains the plans for turning concessions around this year that he has been discussing with Mike Curle. Plans include raising all prices by \$.25, staggering employees shifts, strict closing time, and when possible have all games at one park. Commissioner Keenan is very concerned about this issue and wants monthly reports to monitor status and suggests a sub-committee. Chairperson Offman feels that Scott should prepare a written plan for the next meeting for their review. With these changes this is an easy fix and no need for the Commission to micro-manage.

07-031 – Approval of Concession Changes

Dodd/Evich motion to approve to Scott Gray's plan to increase prices, stagger shifts and ask for Park Commission assistance if needed. Motion passed.

07-032 – Approval of Concession Changes - Amended

Keenan/Brang-Schroeder motion to approve P&R keeping control of concessions with the understanding that if it operates at a deficit, money will come out of capitol improvements budget. P&R to provide a plan with prices and labor uses in order to break even or make a profit for review by the Commission. Motion passed.

Department Report

- *Gray*: Scott states that softball team registration is down by 17 teams from last year with the exception of Friday leagues which are full like last year. Scott will try to schedule games at Claude Allison first with Capitol to get overflow of games.



- Burgess: Theresa states that Thurston's cable show is ready this week to air in early April. There continues to be problems with programs at Pearson. Theresa spoke with the instructor and if we cannot address these problems then we will be forced to discontinue classes. Summer programming and the brochure are underway. There will be nominal charge for the summer playground program this year, approximately \$30-\$50 per child. Each participant will receive a P&R t-shirt to be worn on field trips. Theresa has never been told to make a profit but she is trying to be proactive.
- O'Connor: Tom apologizes for wrong figures regarding concession issues. He agrees with the Commission to keep concessions as it is a win/win for the community. We should get the plan in place by the next meeting and we won't miss a beat.
- Pokorny: Jan is waiting for Mike to measure the fence for the skate park and then the info will be sent to fence companies for bids.
- Cox: Lee and Scott both received calls about the infield at Korvette Park and someone from the little league being hurt. As the seasonal maintenance staff has not returned for the season yet, no fields have been groomed yet and it is too early in the season to be playing on any field. At this point in time it is play at your own risk.

Commissioners' Report

- Okasinski: Maureen attended a Friends of Redford meeting today and anyone that is interested may attend the next one. She will start an email list to make progress and move forward on the 501C3 paperwork as mission and objectives must be established.
- Brang-Schroeder: Diana states that Doggie-Rama is up and running. It will be June 30 from 10am-3pm at the ice arena. She continues to recruit groups and vendors. Notice will be sent out in the next Township water bill. Diana will have different sponsor groups this year.
- Keenan: John also attended the 501C3 meeting today. He is having difficulty getting the documents needed for this as few people have this area of expertise. John is hoping to use the Commission on Children's Issues as a template. Mike to get costs on ball diamonds improvements at Capitol as little leagues want to upgrade dugouts.
- Evich: Laura thanks Scott & Leslie Gray for the exceptional job they did on the Bunny Brunch. Kevin and she worked very hard and she liked being part of it. Laura thanks Lee for the parade info. Laura would like park evaluations for next meeting.
- Dodd: Kevin had a great time at the Bunny Brunch and states it was packed. Kevin thanks Scott & Leslie as well as Laura, Mike and Lee. We all had a good time and we are a good team.
- Offman: Steve was disappointed that the Commission was not notified about the budget. Steve still thinks that we should be doing soil testing at Phoenix Park.

07-033-- Approval of Park Bills

Evich/Dodd motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$1,904.01. Roll Call: Dodd, Evich, Keenan, Offman, Okasinski, Brang-Schroeder – Yes. Approved.

Communication

- Steve was notified that Wayne County is waiting for the weather to break to address the downed tree issues at Lola Valley Park.
- Steve received a letter from the Commission on Children's Issues asking if the Park Commission will again be sponsoring a hole at their golf outing. Add to next agenda.

Citizen Comments

N/A

07-034 – Adjournment

Evich/Brang-Schroeder motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Brang-Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox, Parks & Recreation Secretary

