

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting October 13, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order October 13, 2008 by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chair, Maureen Okasinski
Vice Chair, Diana Brang-Schroeder
Secretary, John Keenan
Treasurer, Laura Weaver
Commissioner Steve Offman
Commissioner Kevin Dodd

Absent: Commissioner Saira Comerford

Also present: Debbie Break, Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess and Ofelia Saenz

08-113 Approval of Amended Agenda: Motion was made by WEAVER, supported by KEENAN, to approve the Amended Agenda, by adding Redford Art and Parks Conservancy to new business. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0 Absent 1

08-114 Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2008: Motion was made by KEENAN supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0 Absent 1

Citizen Comments: None

New Business:

- **Recycling Halloween Fair & Movie:** Ofelia Saenz was presenting on behalf of Renu Recycling. The movie to be shown would be "Monsters Ink" and they have procured a food handlers permit. The health inspector needs to check out the concession stand by 5:00 p.m. so the program can start by 6:00 p.m.

08-115 Motion: by WEAVER supported by DODD to approve the movie, "Monsters Inc." and the food handler permit so cider, donuts and popcorn can be served free of charge to attendees for the Renu Recycling event on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Capitol Park. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0 Absent 1

- **Redford Art and Parks Conservancy:** Commissioner Okasinski stated the organization is a community based organization to aid in the planning and design of an accessible playground for Claude Allison Park. They are looking to become a 501C3 and are in the process of establishing a formal board. She is looking for support from the Redford Park Commission. Commissioner Keenan said they should get the 501C3 first.

08-116 Motion: by OFFMAN supported by DODD to support the Redford Art and Parks Conservancy in its attempt to plan and design an accessible playground at Claude Allison Park. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0 Absent 1

Old Business: None

Department Report:

- Debbie Break: Spoke with the union membership at the last meeting of the T.P.O.A.M. on October 9, 2008 and expressed the Parks & Recreation and Park Commissioners desire to offer a discount (maximum of \$5.00 with some exclusions) to employees and their families for Parks & Recreation classes. The employees know this will be a 6 month trial period to see if it is worth offering in the future.
- Theresa Burgess: Classes are going well. She is looking for a new cheerleading instructor.
 - The youth and teens for the Youth Commission will now be appointed. Hopefully the members will be more dedicated.
 - We are now using Pearson Education Center as part of the Therapeutic Recreation Wheelchair Basketball team. The team is looking for more players
 - Community Development, Commission on Children's Issues and the Redford Police Department purchased a child ID kit and administered them at the Fire Department open house and at the Jefferson Health Fair.
 - She passed out Parks and Recreation information at the Jefferson Health Fair. Attendance seemed low.
 - The Commission on Children's Issues is having a Multicultural Fair in March and is looking for a main speaker like the Mosaic Youth Theater.
 - There has been some discussion on enlarging the weight room and moving the dance room to the end of that hallway.
- Tom O'Connor: Nothing
- Jan Pokorny: See attached letter submitted by Jan

Commissioner Report:

- Commissioner Offman: Had a great vacation and is glad to be back. Quote from Abraham Lincoln, "Do whatever you want, but do it good".
- Commissioner Weaver: Attended the Fire Department open house with Commissioner Brang-Schroeder and had a good time.
- Commissioner Dodd: Pleasure to be here as usual. Would like to talk to Mike Curle about getting jackets for all the Commissioners.
 - Asked about paying for so many Dance Assistants. Theresa and Mike talked to Karen VanDeRyt about this last week. Her % had been lowered over the past several years from 80 – 72% to cover assistants. This year she has dropped to 69% to cover the new assistant and 63% while on maternity leave, which will cover the cost of her replacement while on leave. Parks and Recreation makes about \$13,000 per year from Dance Classes. Commissioner Dodd thinks the commissioners should keep an eye on this.
 - Quote from James Dean, "Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die tomorrow".
- Commissioner Brang-Schroeder: Attendance was low at Fisher Elementary open house. Next year as many school open houses as possible should be attended to get the word out about signing up for Parks & Recreation classes.
 - Her son is attending the Creative Corner class and is really enjoying it. The instructor is good.
 - September 17 she attended the boundless play park
 - September 19 she bought pizza for the guys in Parks Maintenance for all their hard work.

- She attended the Fire Department open house.
- October 30 is Angels Night and she would like as many of the Commissioners to attend as are able. She would like them to R.S.V.P. to her as soon as possible. Also candy is needed.
- Theresa asked her if they wanted to give out coupons for P&R classes again.
- Commissioner Keenan: Plans on attending Angels Night. He will look into working on the 501C3.
- Commissioner Okasinski: Nothing

Park Bills

08-117 Motion was made by BRANG-SCHROEDER supported by OFFMAN to approve the Park's bills for 75100 Recreation, 75500 Concession and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0 Absent 1

Communication: None

08-118 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0 Absent 1

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break