

# Charter Township of Redford

## Parks Commission Meeting October 27, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order October 27, 2008 by the Chair at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Secretary, John Keenan , Commissioner Saira Comerford

Also present: Debbie Break, Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Ally Kuzak and Brittany Reed.

**08-119 Approval of Amended Agenda:** Motion was made by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER, to approve the Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

**08-120 Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2008:** Motion was made by OFFMAN supported by DODD to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

**Citizen Comments:** None

### **New Business:**

- **Jackets for Commissioners:** Commissioner Dodd would like the Commissioners to have jackets commemorating their term(s) in office, possibly with the length of term on them. Next meeting Mike Curle will have prices for jackets available for the commission. He would like any of the commissioners to stop by his office and discuss the type of jacket desired along with the lettering before the next meeting.
  - Commissioner Okasinski would like to see Park Maintenance staff wearing something in the colder weather to distinguish them as park employees. She would even like to see the distinction on their township trucks.
  - Commissioners Okasinski and Brang-Schroeder are not interested in getting a jacket, but support the idea for their fellow Commissioners who would like one.

**08-121 Motion:** by DODD supported by OFFMAN to tentatively approve the purchase of jackets for the Commissioners who would like them and potentially for staff. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

- **Halloween Discount for Parks and Recreations Classes:** Once again this year the Commissioners along with the Parks and Recreation Department would like to distribute discount coupons during Angels Night.

**08-122 Motion:** by OFFMAN supported by DODD to distribute \$5 discount coupons for Parks and Recreation classes during Angles Night on Six Mile Road, Thursday, October 30, 2008 to be used as the staff decides. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

- **Wayne County Parks Millage:** Commissioner Okasinski informed the commissioners of Wayne County Parks Commission proposal to kickback 25% of the parks Millage money to each communities Parks and Recreation Department. Wayne County Executive Ficano does not support this position. She would like to pass a resolution formally supporting this measure to give 25% of the Wayne County Parks Millage back to our community.
  - The money has to go right to Parks and Recreation and not to the general fund, therefore you must have a specific project in mind. There can be no roll over of funds into another fiscal year.
  - Commissioner Brang-Schroeder told Tom O'Connor these funds would be over and above the cost of maintaining Lola Valley and Bell Creek Parks. Also, you may submit more than one proposal just incase one or more are rejected.
  - Mike Curle has several examples of resolutions and he will draft one up.

**08-123 Motion:** by OFFMAN supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to pass a resolution supporting the plan to give 25% of the Wayne County Parks Millage back to our community.

**Old Business:** None

**Department Report:**

- Tom O'Connor: Pass
- Mike Curle: Parks Maintenance is putting the parks away for the winter. They are doing the final mowing, stacking up picnic tables and mulching leafs.
  - Mike will work on the wording for the Wayne County Parks Millage Resolution. He will be attending a meeting this week on the Millage.
  - The Township Board is changing some of its language from Roberts Rules to a Parliamentary style; example, Old Business to Unfinished Business. He suggested the Parks Commission may want to follow suit.
  - He is looking forward to meeting the new interns.
  - Commissioner Offman asked if we had received a final breakdown for the cost of the new dugouts. The only cost Mike had been given was \$9,600 for cement work.
  - He would like to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for Vollney Park.
  - He and Theresa have been taking to Mike Dennis about expanding the weight room by removing a wall. They are also talking about changing and renovating the dance room. Work on these projects hopefully will begin in the spring.
  - Theresa is getting prices on new equipment for the skateboard park.
  - Commissioner Offman wants Mike to follow-up on the money owed to Parks and Recreation for Western Graham field diamond cutback.
- Theresa Burgess: This is a very busy time of the year. Next week she will begin working on the Spring/Summer brochure.
  - Mike Dennis talked about adding new mirrors, flooring and bars to the new dance room.
  - She met the new intern today, Ally, and is glad she is here.
  - Theresa will be attending a Diversity Conference this week and is hoping to bring a multicultural event here in February.
- Debbie Break: Nothing

### **Commissioner Report:**

- Commissioner Dodd: Pleasure being here. Sorry he missed his first Pumpkin Patch. Scott Grey and staff did a good job. He plans to attend Angles Night. Quote: “If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn’t thinking,” by George F. Patton Jr.
- Commissioner Offman: He would like to invite all the Commissioners and staff to get together after the next meeting, since it will be the last with the current board.
- Commissioner Weaver: Had a great time at the Pumpkin Patch and would like to congratulate Scott and his team on a job well done. She would especially like to thank farmer McCoy for being the driver of the hayride. Thank you to Jan Pokorney for the very nice article in the Redford Observer on the skateboard park competition. It seems like everyone had a good time.
- Commissioner Brang-Schroeder: Asked Mike Curle how many people showed up for the Recycling Halloween Fair & Movie and approximately 25 was his answer. She feels bad more people did not attend even though the event was moved into the Community Center. Mr. Curle said the people who did attend seemed to have a good time.
  - Sorry she had to miss the Pumpkin Patch.
  - She was able to attend the Grandale Neighborhood Association party, Saint Valentine’s Halloween party, Grace Lutheran’s party and the Jaycee “Keep on Trucking event.”
  - The only people who have given her money to purchase candy for Angles Night have been Commissioners Dodd and Weaver. She could use more. She will be handing out candy on Angles Night, Thursday, October 30 on Six Mile.
  - She is very excited about the parks millage and really hopes it goes through.
- Commissioner Okasinski: The Township has changed their rules of operation and are no longer under Roberts Rules of Order, but are now using something like the American Parliamentary Association. She really does not know what the difference is. Garth Christie never really explained what the differences were when he made the proposal.

### **Park Bills**

**08-124** Motion was made by OFFMAN supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve the Park’s bills for 75100 Recreation, 75500 Concession and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

**Communication:** None

### **08-125 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break