

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting November 10, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order November 10, 2008 by the Chair at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Secretary John Keenan, Commissioner Steve Offman, Commissioner Saira Comerford

Also present: Debbie Break, Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Lee Cox, Ally Kuzak, Fadowa Akam, and Robert Mockeridge.

08-126 Approval of Amended Agenda: Motion was made by WEAVER, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER, to approve the agenda by adding Western Graham Diamond Cutback and Wayne County Parks Millage under Old Business. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Ayes; 3-Absent

08-127 Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2008: Motion was made by BRANG-SCHROEDER supported by DODD to approve the minutes by amending the motion (08-121) vote on Commissioner's Jackets to 4-1 ayes, 3 absent.

Citizen Comments: None

New Business: None

Old Business:

- **Jackets for Commissioners:** Mike Curle informed the Commissioners the cost of the jackets would be \$48.25 each with a logo set-up fee of \$60. The front of the jackets would say Redford Township Park Commission Alumni. Mike needs the sizes of all who would be getting jackets. Commissioner Okasinski thinks the jackets are good for the staff working in the parks, but does not support jackets for the Commissioners.

08-128 Motion: by WEAVER supported by DODD to approve the purchase of jackets for all Commissioners who would like one. Motion carried: 3-1 Ayes; 3-Absent

- **Township Board Language Changes:** The commission would like to vote at the next meeting to adopt the change, "The Published Authority of Roberts Rules" to the Park Commission By-Laws to stay consistent with the Township Board's language.
- **Wayne County Parks Millage:** Mike Curle is waiting for more information on the millage. Redford Township's share of the money if passes by Wayne County would be approximately \$87,000. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano plans on fighting against the millage.
 - The Game Time Playground Equipment grant will match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 if we purchase playground equipment from them.

- **Western Graham Field:** Commissioner Weaver asked Mike Curle if he had received any money from the St. Valentine Men's Club for the repairs to Western Graham Diamond and he said, "No". Since the amount of damage was in excess of \$1,000 she recommends filing a police report. Commissioner Brang-Schroeder would like Mike to send out a second letter of delinquency to the St. Valentine Men's Club. She would also like this subject to be on the next agenda.
- **Wayne County Parks Millage Resolution:** Mike attended a meeting on this last week. Most people in attendance are in favor of this proposal, but are concerned Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will strongly fight against it.
 - If the Township gets some of this money Commissioner Brang-Schroeder would like the new commissioners make advancements to the skate park, skate-able art sculptures for Claude Allison Park.
 - Commissioner Okasinski agrees with her and strongly urges the use of the Master Plan. Claude Allison Park needs accessibility along with more improvements. The citizens in the north end of the Township feel like they are not as important as the south end.

Department Report:

- Theresa Burgess: The Redford Ranger Cheerleaders may help out as instructors for our cheerleading classes. She and Mike have met with a new fitness instructor who is willing to be much more flexible than the old one.
 - The first Parenting Series will begin next week from 6-7 along with dinner & child care.
 - Per a request from Commissioner Brang-Schroeder Theresa will be sending two different letters to township employees offering them a discount on parks and recreation classes.
- Debbie Break: It has been a pleasure working with the Park Commissioners and she wishes the best of luck in their future endeavors.
- Tom O'Connor: Feels this group of park commissioners has made a big difference, with the parks, staff, and flexibility with the government administration. It has been very nice working with the commissioners.
- Mike Curle: Feels the commissioners worked hard and will be missed.
 - The seasonal workers are finishing up for the fall. Saturday will be the last day for any seasonal employees.

Commissioner Report:

- Commissioner Okasinski: Commissioner Offman's father passed away and he was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He had been the Chair of the Commission for three of the past four years and has enjoyed working with the other Commissioners.
 - Commissioner Okasinski said it has been energizing and inspiring working with the Parks Commission and the Commissioners. She was glad Lee Cox was here at the meeting. She feels the Commissioners work has been appreciated by the Township Board and the citizens of Redford Township. Though she will be gone she will be supporting the Commission only in a different way.

- Commissioner Brang-Schroeder: It has been an honor and a privilege working with the Commissioners and the Parks Commission. She looks forward to working with the new Commissioners in the future. She was glad Lee Cox attended the meeting.
- Commissioner Weaver: Offered her sympathy to Commissioner Offman in his time of loss. She went to the service at the funeral home last Saturday.
 - The whole Parks staff is the best and they do great work. She would also like to thank the citizens of Redford Township for giving her the opportunity to serve as a Parks Commissioner.
- Commissioner Dodd: Ditto, the women stole his glory. He thanks the Commissioners, Parks staff and Lee Cox for her time. He challenges the new Commissioners to keep up and surpass the good work this Commission has done. Things can only get bigger and better.
 - Quote: “There are many paths to the top of the mountain.” Chris
- Commissioner Keenan: On behalf of Commissioner Keenan Mike Curle conveyed the Commissioner’s best wishes to everyone.

Park Bills

08-129 Motion was made by BRANH-SCHROEDER supported by DODD to approve the Park’s bills for 75100 Recreation. Motion carried: 4-0 Ayes; 3-Absent

Communication: None

08-130 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. by BRANG-SCHROEDER, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0Ayes; 3- Absent

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Brang-Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break