

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting February 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order February 9, 2009, by the Secretary at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chair, John Keenan
Vice Chair, Dennis Bauer
Secretary, John Hebner
Treasurer, Lois Wludyka
Commissioner William McSween
Commissioner Robert Mockeridge
Commissioner Amy Hichez
Youth Commissioner Amanda Shaffner
Youth Commissioner Layla Abdel

Also present: Debbie Break, Theresa Burgess, Scott Gray, Mike Curle, Jan Porkorny, Tom O'Connor, Art Garcia, Michael Donahue, Kevin Dodd, Lee Cox, Diana Brang-Schroeder, Laura Weaver and Bonnie Holben.

09-015 Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by WLUDYKA, supported by McSWEEN, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Ayes; 2 Recused; 0 absent.

09-016 Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2009: Motion was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by WLUDYKA to approve the amended minutes by changing the date of the spaghetti dinner at Hilbert Middle School to February 12, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and to omit the second sentence of Commissioner Hichez's Commissioner Report, which stated Commissioner Keenan and Mike Curle would have to check into emailing commissioner packets. Motion carried: 5-0 Ayes; 2 Recused; 0 absent.

Citizen Comments: None

New Business:

- A. Reconsider/Rescind/Change Decision of Parks commission with respect to Western Graham Diamond withholding field permits to St. Valentine unless payment of \$953.00 received, relative to allegedly unauthorized cut-back of field. Order/Motion 08-095, dated August 25, 2008 and order/Motion 08-085, dated July 28, 2008:
 - o Issue was tabled until the next meeting of the Parks Commission on February 23, 2009, to determine if St. Valentine Men's Club has set a contract with Mike Curle to perform community service in Redford Township Parks in lieu of financial restitution and as a show of good faith.

- B. Reconsider/Rescind/Change Decision of Parks Commission with respect to reimbursement of cost to Parks Commission relative to labor and material to remedy safety issues at Western Graham field, Order/Motion, dated 08-090 dated August 11, 2008:

- Commissioner McSween offered to write a check for \$300.00, which he was going to use to buy a tree for Capitol Park in honor of his mothers passing, to help St. Valentines out with their restitution show of good faith.
- Michael Donahu of St. Valentine Men's Club accepted full responsibility for the diamond cutback. There was no malicious intention on their part. They are good stewards of the field.
- After much discussion most of the Commissioners said they were not comfortable rescinding the previous Park Commission's decision, especially since there had been plenty of time for St. Valentines to reach a mutual agreement with the old Commission. It was agreed St. Valentine Men's Club would perform community service in the Redford Township Parks in lieu of making financial restitution, which they say they are not able to do. Mike Curle will determine the dollar per hour amount and the number of hours which the Men's club will work to settle the restitution.

09-017 Motion: by HICHEZ and supported by WLUDYKA to **amend motion 08-090** and allow some of the cost of the diamond cutback repair to be repaid in labor in whole or in part by the St. Valentine Men's Club. 4-0 Ayes; 1 Nay; 2 Recused; 0 absent.

- C. Consideration of St. Valentine's Previous Request for a PA system at Western Graham:
- St. Valentine's representatives decided to revisit this request at another time.

D. Doggie Rama:

- Trustee Brang-Schroeder informed the Commissioners the next Doggie Rama would take place on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Redford Township Ice Arena from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She wanted to know how involved the current Commissioners would like to be. She could really use help with the marketing and is always open for suggestions. Available at the event will be shots, vaccinations, micro chipping, heart worming, adoption, photography, vendors and contests. No Pitbulls are permitted. Cats are also included. Vendors may purchase an 8x8 area for \$25.00. There is no charge for nonprofits (providing proof of status and insurance). Sponsorships are also available.

E. Permit to sell hot dogs in the Parks:

- The woman who asked to be put on the agenda did not attend the meeting.

F. Web AD Review (Bob Salmonson report):

- Table until the next Agenda on 2/23/09.

G. Commissioner E-Packets:

- All Commissioners agreed to have their meeting packets email to them to help save on employee time and recourses.

Unfinished Business: None

Department Report:

- **Debbie Break:** Nothing new to add.
- **Mike Curle:** Will work with St. Valentine Men's Club to determine the dollar per hour rate and the number of community service hours needed in the parks to make restitution for the repair to Western Graham field cutback.

- **Scott Gray:** Session two will end this Saturday and he is full swing getting ready for the Daddy/Daughter and Mommy/Son dances this week and next.
- **Theresa Burgess:** Spring and Summer brochure is done and should be ready this week. We can begin signing up for new classes as soon as it comes out. There will be a Basketball Skills Competition run with RTJAA on February 20, 2009, at Pierce Middle School beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan Porkorny:** Has been keeping an eye on the outdoor ice arena for the past few weeks and has only seen 3 people on it.

Commissioner Report:

- **Commissioner Bauer:** Thanks the Park Commission for their decision regarding the Western Graham Diamond cutback situation. Also, he had attended the Michigan Township Convention at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. He received material on 40 different grants which are available. He will work with Commissioner Mockeridge to apply for as many grants possible.
- **Commissioner Mockeridge:** For the next agenda he would like to add approval of the use of Claude Allison Park on June 6 & 7 for the Relay for Life; Capitol Park shelter approval on April 4th for the Jaycee Easter Egg Hunt; approval of the five (5) day 2009 USSA Baseball Tournament for voting. He also wanted to remind everyone of the fundraising Spaghetti dinner Thursday, February 12, 2009 to help the family of Donna Donahue cover the cost of her funeral.
- **Commissioner Wludyka:** Condolences to Commissioner McSween at the passing of his mother. She will help out with Doggie Rama. She questioned a past Commissioner if he would really file a police report against St. Vals., and he said no he would not.
- **Commissioner Hebner:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Keenan:** Is heavily involved with RALL, ST Valentine baseball and the 2009 USSA Baseball Tournament committee. He is trying to have the Tournament held in Redford Township. Even though several of the baseball fields are not quite correct, the Tournament committee told him they would work with it.
- **Commissioner Hichez:** Will help with Doggie Rama. She hopes the Commissioners learn how to disagree in a nicer way.
- **Commissioner McSween:** All Tournaments must go before the Park Commission for approval. He also suggested checking with the Township attorney to get the exact procedure and rules for recusing oneself from an agenda issue.
- **Youth Commissioner Shaffner:** Nothing
- **Youth Commissioner Abdel:** Nothing

Park Bills

09-017 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HEBNER to approve the Park's bills for 75100 Recreation and 75200 Parks Maintenance. All Ayes. Motion carried: 7-0 Ayes; 0 absent.

Communication: None

09-018 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by HEBNER, supported by MOCKERIDGE.
All Ayes. Motion carried: 7-0 Ayes; 0 absent.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner John Hebner, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break