

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting March 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order March 23, 2009, by the Vice Chair at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present:

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

Absent: Commissioner John Keenan

Also present: Debbie Break, Mike Curle, Kevin Surowiec, David Aderj, Taylor Warren, Donny Lenute, Kyle Senrett, Evan Duffy, Jennifer Carter, Taylor Stranahan, Van Robinson, Adrienne Hurst, Josh Hutson, Cole Salem, DeVon Grimes, Victoria Bolton and Chadd Fields.

Approval of Agenda

09-035 Motion: was made by HEBNER, supported by McSWEEN to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2009

09-036 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by WLUDYKA to approve the minutes. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting on March 16, 2009

09-037 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by McSWEEN to table the minutes until the next meeting. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

Citizen Comments: None. Commissioner Bauer welcomed all the students who were present at the meeting.

New Business:

A. 7 Goals for a Successful 1st year:

09-038 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE and supported by HICHEZ to table this item until the next meeting. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

B. Approval of Port-a-Johns for Manning, Phoenix and Western Graham: There was discussion regarding the benefit to the residents and the cost of adding port-a-johns to the aforementioned parks during the summer months.

09-039 Motion: was made by HEBNER and supported by HICHEZ to approve the port-a-johns to be available for three (3) months at Manning and Phoenix parks and four (4) to five (5) months at Western Graham Park. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

C. Approval of scoreboards for Claude Allison and Kraft Parks by N.R.C.L.L.:

Commissioner Mockeridge (also N.R.C.L.L. President) asked the Commissioners permission to have wireless scoreboards installed in the aforementioned parks. The scoreboards will measure 8ft x 4ft and the sponsor panels will measure 21 inches x 8 feet. All monies, permits, work and equipment will be donated by N.R.C.L.L., Colman Cement, Maziar Orthodontics, Redford Democratic Club, a local electrician and a host of volunteers. There will be no cost to the Parks and Recreation department and all future maintenance and repairs to the boards will be handled by N.R.C.L.L. He would like to store the scoreboards in the Parks and Recreation Office when not in use for safe keeping.

09-040 Motion: was made by McSWEEN and supported by HEBNER to allow the N.R.C.L.L. to have scoreboards and sponsor boards installed and maintained by them at no cost to Redford Township or the Parks and Recreation Department at Claude Allison and Kraft Parks, with the scoreboards being stored by the Parks and Recreation Department when not in use. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

D. Jaycees would like to do a Bar-B-Q at one of the Concerts-in-the-Park:

Commissioner Mockeridge asked permission of the Commissioners for the Jaycees to have a Bar-B-Q at the first Concert-in-the-Park series at Capitol Park. There would be free food (hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, potato salad, chips, etc) and drinks (water, lemonade, ice tea, and soda pop) for approximately 300 people. The Jaycees would get a food handlers permit for the event from the Wayne County Health Department. The time of this event would be from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Wludyka expressed concern if this would conflict with the concession stand revenues. Since the concession stands sells coffee and other items beside hot dogs and is open from 6:30 – 9:30 the impact may be minimal. Plus it is a great way for the Jaycees to give back to the community residents for their support.

09-041 Motion: was made by HICHEZ supported by WLUDYKA to allow the Jaycees to hold a free to the public Bar-B-Q at the first Concert in the Park for 2009. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

E. Portable scoreboards for Western-Graham fields: Commissioner Baurer asked the Commissioners on behalf of St Valentine to install (2) portable scoreboards at Western Graham field. The scoreboards would only be up during game time. The scoreboards would be 4ft x 8ft with (2) posts each. There would be (2) ground anchors each to hold the posts which would be installed below grass level and would be capped when not in use to avoid a tripping hazard.

09-042 Motion: was made by HICHEZ supported by MOCKERIDGE to allow St. Valentine to install below grass level anchors and caps to accommodate the use of (2) scoreboards to be used only during game times. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

Unfinished Business: None

Department Report:

- **Debbie Break:** told the Commissioners she has enjoyed working with them and will miss being involved with the Commission. If they find funding in the future to hire another secretary for Parks and Recreation she would love to return.
- **Mike Curle:** will be attending the re-certification for Playground Safety Inspection on April 20, 21 and 22. With the new procedure for hiring Seasonal Employees there may be a delay in their start date. Commissioner McSween expressed concern for the individuals

who have worked in the parks for the past 17 years who may no longer be able to work, due to the change in hiring policy by the Township Board. Mike stated 5 individuals from last year took the Civil Service test. There are only 2 spots left to fill for the Concert in the Park series. Once finished he will begin working on the Field Requests.

- **Jan Pokorny:** opens the skateboard park on a day to day basis right now. She is waiting for the new sign to be put up and the new skateboard equipment to be installed. She hopes this will happen soon. Especially the installation of the new rails.

Commissioner Report:

- **Commissioner Bauer:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Wludyka:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Hebner:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Keenan:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Hichez:** Nothing
- **Commissioner McSween:** Everyone did a good job on saving Scott Gray's job. He would like to see a copy of the Township's flow chart.

Park Bills

09-043 Motion: was made by HEBNER supported by MCSWEEN to approve the Park's bills for 75100 Recreation, 75200 Parks Maintenance and 75500 Concession. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

Communication: None

Adjournment

09-044 Motion: was made by BAUER, supported by WLUDYKA to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes; 1 absent.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner John Hebner, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break