

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

APRIL 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Parks Commission was called to order on April 28m, 2008 in the Redford Community Center at 7:00 PM by the chair.

Roll Call: Present: Chair, Maureen Okasinski
Vice Chair, Diana Brang-Schroeder
Secretary, John Keenan
Treasurer, Laura Weaver

Absent: Commissioners, Stephen Offman, Kevin Dodd and Saira Comerford.

Also Present: Mike Curle, Tom O'Connor, Jan Pokorny and Bill Sullivan.

08-055 – Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Commissioner WEAVER, 2nd by Commissioner BRANG-SCHROEDER. All Ayes. Motion passes.

Citizens Comments:

Bill Sullivan was present to discuss the baseball schedule for Capitol Park. He was concerned that the Capitol Park Baseball League (ages 13 – 15) were being short-changed I the use of the Capitol Park field. He felt this league should have exclusive use of the ball diamond. He stated there are over 80- kids from Redford Township in the League. Further, he stated the parents in that group were active with the dugouts and helped maintain the field.

Commissioner Keenan indicated to Mr. Sullivan that the Commission was not aware of these problems, had not known of the problems and further would attempt to accommodate all users of the baseball diamonds in Redford Township. He indicated and suggested to the Commission that we discuss in some detail the use of the field and the facts and circumstances behind its further use.

Commissioner Okasinski indicated it was probable a very good thing that there was so much demand to use the Capitol Ball Diamond. It's good for the ball players and good for the town.

08 – 056 Motion to Table Discussion of Capitol Park Ball Diamond Use

A motion was made by Commissioner KEENAN, 2nd by Commissioner OKASINSKI to table. Commissioner Keenan, yes; Commissioner Weaver, yes; Commissioner Okasinski, yes; Commissioner Brang-Schroeder, no. Motion passes 3 to 1.

New Business:

The Commissioners discussed the annual park surveys and the completion of same.

Old Business:

Kaboom Build Grant Project

Commissioner Okasinski presented and discussed in great detail the Kaboom Build Grant project and requested comments by the Commission. She is very involved with this project and hoped to get the community involved to complete the same. She discussed placement of the playground equipment around town. She further suggested the possible placement at/on or near the planned bike trails which was supported by Commissioner Keenan. All agreed this was a wonderful project.

Cut-Back of Western Graham

The Commission discussed the cut-back of the diamond to accommodate the St. Valentine's varsity baseball team. Mike Curle detailed the Parks costs because of this. The costs would be necessary to make the ball diamond safe to play – the estimated costs were approximately \$2,000.00. Some Commissioners suggested the parties responsible for the “cut-back” be billed. Mr. Curle was concerned that the cost would come out of his budget. Tom O'Connor indicated he would look further into it with the hope of not having the money come out of the Parks Budget. Discussion ended with Mr. O'Connor getting back to the Commission with respect to the matter.

Department Reports:

Jan Pokorny: Told the Commission of an incident in the skate park, which did not involve her skaters, but occurred near the park? Apparently, one of her skaters witnessed an assault on a young boy. The police are investigating this incident. Jan Pokorny indicated the boy was pretty badly beat up. She said her skaters protect the park and look out for each other. She further mentioned the upcoming skate event on June 21, 2008.

Mike Curle: Mentioned he had another late payment with regard to a class and the Commission again revisited the policy regarding late payments and was satisfied as to how same was being handled by the staff.

Tom O'Connor: Mentions the 5 K run in town and the upcoming festival which he encouraged the Commissioners to participate in and said he was very excited about these events.

Michelle Mullin, Youth Commissioner: Mentions the up-coming “Battle of the Bands” and the upcoming festival. She indicates the youth commission will be involved with these events.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Brang-Schroeder: Discussed in great detail the Global Relief project. She stated the reservations for Doggie-Rama are coming in pretty slow. She is hopeful it will pick up though. The event I scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Keenan: Asked how the Memorial Tree planting is coming along; a project the Commissioners agreed to do to commemorate their time on the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Weaver: Thanked Mike Curle for making the name change on the Park Commission sign for her; she legally changed her last name from Evich to Weaver recently.

Commissioner Okasinski: Nothing to report.

Park Bills:

08-057 Motion to Approve Park Bills:

Some discussion with respect to the park bills.

Motion made by WEAVER, 2nd by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve Park bills as presented:

Roll Call: Brang-Schroeder, yes; Keenan, yes; Okasinski, yes; Weaver, yes

4-0 with 3 absent. Motion passes.

Communication: None

08-059 Motion to Adjourn:

Motion made by WEAVER, 2nd by BRANG-SCHROEDER to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.
All ayes. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by: John J. Keenan, Corresponding Secretary