

# Charter Township of Redford

## Parks Commission Meeting May 12, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order May 12, 2008 by the Chair at 7:12 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Kevin Dodd, Commissioner Saira Comerford

Also present: Tom O'Connor, Debbie Break, Mike Curle, Alan Isaacson, Michele Faur, Peg Spicer, Bruce Evans, Tim Evans, Steven Williams, Ross Holme, Cameron Lucas, Tim Roth, Mark Rotz, Grace Kimmel, Melanie Myles, Bruce Corner, Amanda Beeler, Rebecca Mears, Ronald Mears, Samantha Williams, Andrea Gayney, Kathy Tarr, Kristen Stidham, Roy Mendoza, Melissa Walker, and Bill Sullivan

**08-059 Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by OFFMAN, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER, to approve the amended Agenda after removing approval of minutes from April 28, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

**08-060 Approval of Minutes as amended from April 14, 2008:** Motion made by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

### Citizen Comments:

- Al Isaacson from the Redford Little League expressed concern over the days the Redford Rebels Travel Team is asking to use the baseball diamonds. For the past 15 years the Little League has never had to work around another team's schedule. He is concerned there is going to be a conflict in scheduling with the new rules the Little League has to follow pertaining to pitching rotation.
- Bruce Evans from the Redford Little League also expressed concern over the scheduling due to the new pitching rotation.
- Bruce Corner from the Redford Rebels Travel Team stated he was willing to be as flexible as possible regarding the scheduling. He has made changes to his schedule 4 out of the 6 times the Little League has asked him. He also brought up the inconsistencies of an email that was sent to many Little League people.
- Michelle Faur stated the Little League has been here for 15 years.
- Bill Sullivan from the North Redford Little League said he sent out a letter correcting the inconsistencies in the email as soon as he received it.
- Melissa Walker stated she thought it was only fair that whoever has given the most to the fields should have preference.

**New Business:** None

### **Old Business:**

- **Diamond cutback of Graham Field:** Mr. Curle is still looking into the situation. Mr. O'Connor has spoken with Supervisor Handy and Finance Director Cubba and they informed him the cost for making the diamond safe for play will not be a burden on the Parks and Recreation budget. Mr. O'Connor will also draft a letter to St. Valentine explaining the safety factor of cutting the diamond back at the wrong time of the year.

### **Department Report:**

- **Mike Curle:** Will continue to work with the travel team and the little league on the field scheduling. He has also drafted a policy change in how the fields will be scheduled in the future. Commissioner Offman and Commissioner Weaver called for a special meeting on June 2, 2008, at 7 p.m., which will give the Commissioners time to evaluate and finalize the policy.
  - Parks staff is working hard keeping up with the grass and weeds with all the rain.
  - Parks department needs to purchase more trees.
  - Commissioner Okasinski would like the money the commissioners collected at the beginning of the year and she will buy the commissioner's commemorative tree herself.
  - Mr. Curle has been working with Mr. Dennis to purchase a "gator" (utility vehicle) for watering plants in the downtown area.
  - Girl's softball has 40 players so far.
  - Adult softball is in full swing.
- **Tom O'Connor:** Theresa Burgess has returned today from maternity leave. He discussed the Fall/Winter brochure with her.
  - Last month a man fell from the cell tower at Claude Allison Park, but he is alright. There was no negligence on our part. It was due to his faulty equipment.

### **Commissioners' Report:**

- **Commissioner Offman:** This will be his last term as a Park Commissioner.
- **Commissioner Weaver:** It is nice to see Mike Curle feeling better and back in full swing. Condolences to Judge Brang's family. She will not be running again for Park Commissioner.
- **Commissioner Brang-Schroeder:** Thank you for all the cards and support regarding the death of Judge Brang. Doggie Rama is moving forward. There are now 3 sponsors for the event, Pet Smart, Jeffrey Animal Hospital and Santeau. She will need flyers for the event. More people are volunteering to help with the event. She is looking for free advertising opportunities and would like the Commissioners to assist her with this. Tom O'Connor may be able to do a shared add with her and Hazardous Waste day.
  - The commissioners need to finalize their arrangements for the Memorial Parade tonight. Mr. Curle will take care of getting the golf carts for the Commissioners. She has bought candy to hand out and has some decorations to use on the carts. All the Commissioners will meet at 12 noon.
- **Commissioner Keenan:** Nothing to report tonight.
- **Commissioner Okasinski:** Really enjoyed the 5K Run at Cinco de Mayo. It was a well organized run. Congratulations to Scott Gray for the Bunny Brunch turning a profit. Mr.

Gray needs to get ready to start providing the Commissioners with Concession Reports. She would also like to organize a Playground Development Committee.

**Park Bills**

**08-061** Motion was made by BRANG-SCHROEDER supported by OFFMAN to approve the Park's bills for 75100 Recreation, 75500 Concession and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

**Communication:** Commissioner Weaver wanted to know if Commissioner Brang-Schroeder received the monetary donation from Laura Duron towards Doggie Rama. Yes, she had. Ms. Duron is unable to take pictures of the pets this year.

**08-062 Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Respectfully submitted by Mr. John Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break