

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting June 23, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order June 23, 2008 by the Chair at 7:06 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, Theresa Burgess, Gary McGovan and Jamie Meister

08-072 Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by OFFMAN, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER, to approve the Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

08-073 Approval of Amended Minutes from April 28, 2008: Motion was made by OFFMAN, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve the minutes as amended. Discussion by Commissioner Okasinski to have extra periods removed. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

08-074 Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2008 Special Meeting: Motion by OFFMAN supported by WEAVER to table the minutes until the next meeting to allow for several revisions.

08-075 Approval of Amended Minutes from June 9, 2008: Motion was made by BRANG-SCHROEDER supported by WEAVER to approve the minutes as amended. Discussion by Commissioner Weaver to clarify, "\$5 coupon" on the second page of the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Citizen Comments:
None

New Business:

- **Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony:** The Memorial Tree is a River Birch tree and was planted earlier in the day by the parks maintenance crew. Seven Mile Garden Center gave a significant discount on the tree. The Commissioners all had their picture taken by the tree at the end of the meeting. The Commissioners would like a plaque mounted on a boulder commemorating their time together.
- **Knights for Humanity – Softball Benefit on 7/12/08:** Gary McGovan and Jamie Meister from the Knights for Humanity asked the Commissioners to hold a fundraiser baseball game between the Redford Township Police and Fire Department on July 12, 2008, on Claude Allison diamonds I and II from 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. There would be 6 tournament style games held with the first pitch at 5:00 p.m. They planned to have food vendors present and were informed by Commissioner Okasinski that the vendors must

have food handler licenses. The group also needs to let Mike Curle know if they will be requiring lights and if he has to take the bases in. The proceeds from the event will go toward helping homeless people get a place to stay, state ID's, jobs, drug or alcohol treatment, etc. The group would be asking for donations only and are an incorporated non-profit organization.

08-076 Motion by WEAVER supported by OFFMAN to wave the fee for Claude Allison baseball diamonds I and II on July 12, 2008 for the Knights for Humanity Softball Benefit.

- **Award Ceremony - Volunteer Appreciation:** The Commissioners felt one of the entries should be the Dugout Committee people. There should be an article in the Redford Observer and the Redford Connection if possible. The Commissioners decided to form a committee to judge the awards. It was suggested the committee consist of former Parks and Recreation Director, Bill McSween, Commissioner Offman, Commissioner Weaver, Commissioner Okasinski, Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Curle and former Parks Commissioner, Ron Pokorny. The Commissioners will see if Napoli Pizza and Keg & Wine would be willing to make food and beverage donations for a small soiree, in Meeting Room C in the Redford Community Center, for the award winners. The event will take place at the Concerts in the Park on Tuesday, August 19, 2008.
- **Parks and Recreation July Resolution:** The Commissioners agreed on the wording of the July Resolution.

08-077 Motion by KEENAN supported by WEAVER to approve the Parks and Recreation July Resolution. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Old Business:

- **Ball Diamond Policy:**

08-078 Motion by WEAVER supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to table the ball diamond policy until the next meeting.

Department Report:

- **Mike Curle:** Will let Michael Dennis know which Commissioners will be able to attend the Rose Garden Ceremony on Friday, June 27, 2008. Doggie Rama was a good success. The movie in the park had to be cancelled due to bad weather. He does not know if the movie will be rescheduled. The first Concert in the Park will begin Tuesday, June 24, 2008. The Redford Symphony will be the entertainment for the evening. His crew is continuing the clearing of more parks and replacing some playground equipment.
- **Debbie Break:** Nothing
- **Theresa Burgess:** There are 60 children at each of the two summer program sites. The Stuckey site had to be cancelled since not enough children signed up for that site. All staff are CPR certified and there are 4 staff at each site. The Junior Olympics is coming up soon. The date is set for Saturday, July 12, 2008. It will be advertised on the website and cable. She is adding some family events this year.
- **Tom O'Connor:** Nothing

Commissioners' Report:

- **Commissioner Brang-Schroeder:** Doggie Rama went really well. One vendor complained about another vendor selling the same product (Trilogy Company) though each vendor had the product displayed differently. The complaining vendor did not report

to her corporate office she was going to participate in this event. Had she done so the office would have seen to it that only one vendor would have been present. This vendor is asking for a full refund. Commissioner Brang-Schroeder will give Debbie the vendors name and address and she will issue a refund check for \$12.50 for the 2 ½ hours the vendor was present at Doggie Rama. The new set-up at the Ice Arena worked out much better this year. A thank you to the Jaycees, Sponsors, and all the Commissioners who participated in Doggie Rama.

- **Commissioner Weaver:** Cudo's on another successful event (Doggie Rama). She thanked Theresa Burgess for being a judge.
- **Commissioner Offman:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Keenan:** Had a good time being a vendor at Doggie Rama. He apologized for the minutes from April being presented so late. He had a death in the family and is slowly getting over it.
- **Commissioner Okasinski:** Would like to go in August for the Kaboom playground training program.

Park Bills

08-079 Motion was made by OFFMAN supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve the Park's bills as amended for 75100 Recreation (\$225 for the Connection not \$600), 75500 Concession and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Communication:

None

08-080 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 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