

# Charter Township of Redford

## Parks Commission Meeting June 8, 2009

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order June 8, 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 Amy Hichez  
Commissioner Robert Mockeridge

Absent: Youth Commissioner Layla Abdel, Youth Commissioner  
Amanda Shaffner

Also present: Mike Curle, Mike Dennis, Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Chris Moody, Tom O'Conner

### Approval of Agenda

**09-064 Motion:** was made by MOCKERIDGE, supported by HICHEZ to approve the agenda with the addition of E - Skate park. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

### Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2009

**09-065 Motion:** was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by WLUDYKA to approve the minutes. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

### Approval of minute Special Meeting March 17, 2009

**09-066 Motion:** was made by HICHEZ supported by MOCKERIDGE to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

**Citizen Comments:** Chris Moody – would like to set up a booth at the concert in the park to promote a dog training and dog obedience business. Discussion occurred and general consensus was that the Concert in the Park series should not be used as an avenue to advertise. No motion was made.

Tom O'Conner – would like to thank the commission for the work they have done so far and to encourage them to keeping on moving forward.

### New Business:

**A. Commissioner John Keenan resignation:** A letter of resignation was presented by Mike Curle.

**9.67 Motion:** was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by MCSWEEN to accept the resignation of John Keenan. Motion Carried 6-0 Ayes.

Discussion occurred on the appropriate way to proceed and do we need to fill?

**9.68 Motion:** was made by HICHEZ supported by WLUDYKA to table until the next meeting pending the outcome of Commissioner Mockeridge's discussion with the township Clerk. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

**B. Approval of early reservation – Capital Park August 2010:** Mike Curle presented a request from Judy Dennis, who is heading up the St. Agatha reunion on August 21, 2010. She would like to reserve Capital Park for that date so that they can get notice out.

**09-069 Motion:** was made by MOCKERIDGE and supported by MCSWEEN to accept the reservation as an exception to the existing reservation policy. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

**C. Warrant List of Bills:** Mike Curle stated that because of his change in job duties he can not handle now and his staff is not up to speed to be able to handle efficiently at this time. After discussion it was conveyed by the commission that it needs to happen timely and without delay.

**D. Redford Observer Articles:** Commissioner Bauer commented that we have a new staff reporter handling the Redford area and that regular articles regarding the Parks and Recreation in the township would be a good idea. Mike Dennis stated that Marsha Kish is currently handling this but that if there are items we would like to submit for consideration that would be great. The new staff writer is Pat Murphy, contact information; work # 313-222-5379, cell # 248-535-1060, email [pmurphy@hometownlife.com](mailto:pmurphy@hometownlife.com).

**E. Skatepark:** The Central Maintenance staff can not install the new equipment, the cost for installation would be \$1,300.

**09-070 Motion;** was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HEBNER to approve \$1,300 to install the new equipment for the skate park. Motion Carried 6-0 Ayes.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**A. Master Plan Review:** Discussion occurred regarding the state of some of the parks, in particular, St. Hillary, Phoenix, and Vandenberg, through much discussion it was determined to focus on these parks as part of the Adopt-a-Park program. See item C.

**B. Parks Tour:** occurred on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Adopt-a-Park – Park Assignments:** Commissioner Bauer presented a draft of a letter and application to begin an adopt-a-park program. These documents will be presented to legal and presented to the Township Board at their first July meeting for approval. For park assignments see unfinished business item A.

**D. Seasonal Workers:** The on going problem of being short staffed and not being able to keep up with the regular maintenance of the parks was presented. Mike Curle stated that they are getting caught up and this problem shouldn't continue, although he is getting some push back from the mechanics. Supervisor Kobylarz stated all Mike needs to do is tell me what he wants and what they will be doing and she will get it.

**Department Report:**

- **Mike Curle:** nothing more to add.
- **Mike Dennis:** The shelter for capital Park is going forward.  
Dance will be ending in 2 weeks and construction on the new fitness room will begin.  
Vandenberg and Korvette Park grant is going, this will be a 120 day project.  
Concert in the Park will be starting June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Report:**

- **Commissioner Mockeridge:** Problems at Claude Allison with teens on the dugouts and not responding when asked to get off police were called and no response after ½ hour. The Jaycee’s organization will be holding a barbeque from 5:30 – 7:00 on June 30<sup>th</sup> to kick off the Concert in the Park series.
- **Commissioner Bauer:** Nothing.
- **Commissioner McSween:** Thanks to Dennis Bauer for all the work on the Adopt-a-Park program.
- **Commissioner Hebner:** Nothing.
- **Commissioner Hichez:** Nothing.
- **Commissioner Wludyka;** July 18<sup>th</sup> the seniors will be holding a golf outing with ½ the proceeds going to the Arts & Parks Conservancy and ½ to the Redford Seniors Club who will donate ½ of their portion to Interfaith Relief Food Pantry.

**Park Bills**

**09-071 Motion:** was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by MCSWEEN to approve parks bills 75100. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

**Communication:** None

**Adjournment**

**09-072 Motion:** was made by HICHEZ, supported by HEBNER to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner John Hebner, Corresponding Secretary