

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting June 9, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order June 9, 2008 by the Chair at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Secretary John Keenan, Commissioner Kevin Dodd, Commissioner Saira Comerford

Also present: Tom O'Connor, Debbie Break, Mike Curle, Theresa Burgess, Tom Maskeny and Lisa DeCouteau

08-066 Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER, to approve the Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Absent 3

08-067 Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2008: Motion was made by OFFMAN, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve the minutes. Discussion by Commissioner Offman; it is unacceptable the Minutes from April 28, 2008 have not been presented for approval yet. It has been 6 weeks since the meeting was held. If the secretary cannot be timely in submitting the minutes perhaps he should step down and allow someone else to take the position. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Absent 3

Citizen Comments:
None

New Business:

- **Wag Animal Rescue – Claude Allison – August 23rd:** Treasurer Tom Maskeny and Volunteer Lisa DeCouteau from Wag Animal Rescue spoke to the Commissioners about having a Wag fundraiser in August. Donors sign-up to walk and raise money. Also available would be Pet Adoption (cats & dogs) and a Veterinarian for shots. The event would be similar to Doggie Rama. Wag is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. At the end of the event all animal waste from the event would be removed by Wag volunteers. They would like to have our concession stand open to the attendees. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with clean-up starting at 4:00 p.m. Mike Curle will be the Redford Township Parks contact person for the Wag event.

Motion 08-068: by WEAVER supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to allow Wag to hold their event at Claude Allison Park on August 23, 2008 pending approval of all paperwork, permits, staffing, etc. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Absent 3

- **Memorial Bench for Jaycee Park:** The mother of a local resident passed away and the family has asked if they could buy a bench in memory of her to be placed in the park. Mike Curle will give them a cost factor.

Motion 08-069: by OFFMAN supported by WEAVER to allow the family to purchase a memorial bench to be placed in Jaycee Park, providing it meets the requirements and specifications of the Parks and Recreation Department. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Absent 3

- **National Parks & Recreation Month – July:** Theresa Burgess asked the Commissioners if this event could be celebrated at the same time as the Junior Olympics this year. She would like to see more families get involved this year. The Commissioners' agreed to once again allow one \$5.00 discount coupon per person to anyone signing up in the month of July for a Parks and Recreation class, since it is "Parks & Recreation Month."

Old Business:

- **Doggie Rama – June 21, 2008:** Commissioner Brang-Schroeder is excited there are several new sponsors involved this year. She hopes this year's event will see a better profit. Set-up for the event will begin Friday afternoon from 1 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ice Arena. She will need a total of 43 tables. The press release goes out tomorrow, June 10, 2008.
- **Park Commission Tree:** Commissioner Okasinski would like the tree to be planted near the Memorial Bench for Judy Lowham in Claude Allison Park. The tree is to be planted there at the next meeting of the Parks Commission on June 23, 2008. The location of this meeting will be changed to Claude Allison Park for this one-time dedication, with the meeting immediately following the tree planting. Mike Curle will see that there are several picnic tables placed on site for the meeting. People are free to bring their own lawn chair.

Department Report:

- **Mike Curle:** His parks crew hung the flower baskets in the downtown area, and are doing their best to keep up with the mowing and weed whipping. Theresa Burgess has found a possible grant for a shade to be put behind the splash pad. There is a skateboard competition to be held this coming weekend. There are 4 teams for Girls Softball this year, down one team from last year. As of yet a date has not been set for the installation of the skateboard park fencing. Mike is getting bids on the cost of seal coating the parking lots of Capitol Park and the Ice Arena. It has been decided to call the second picnic area in Capitol Park, "Capitol Grove".
- **Debbie Break:** Scott Gray will have a report on the state of the concession stands for the next meeting of the Park Commission. She will inform Scott about having the concession stand open for the Wag event at Claude Allison Park.
- **Tom O'Connor:** The township board has had an increase in the budget (due to increased sponsorship) to bring in a national act for the July 4th fireworks, which will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2008. The parents at Bulman Elementary school put up a 20x30 shelter for the cost of \$9,000. Commissioner Okasinski asked Tom O'Connor who was responsible for maintaining the new rose garden around the gazebo on Beech Daly Road. Mr. O'Connor said the Beautification Commission has a member who is a Rose professional.

Commissioners' Report:

- **Commissioner Weaver:** Memorial Parade was a good time and Glenhurst Golf Course was very helpful getting the golf carts ready. Mike Curle had two of his staff involved in

an auto crash which was not the staff's fault. One member of the staff went to the hospital to get stitches in his nose. He was not seriously injured. Mike has yet to get the damage to the truck assessed. She feels Mike handled the situation very professionally.

- **Commissioner Offman:** He would like to know if the Commissioners will be participating in the Commission on Children's Issues golf outing. Commissioner Okasinski said yes. He also felt it was inappropriate for Trustee Pat McRae to speak at the Park Commission Special Meeting on Ball Diamond Policy on June 2, 2008. Commissioner Offman felt Trustee McRae should have spoken privately to the Commissioners about his concern over a situation which occurred at the Memorial Day Parade.
- **Commissioner Brang-Schroeder:** Had a lot of fun at the Memorial Day Parade. She also noticed the new Splash Park signs.
- **Commissioner Okasinski:** Thanked Commissioner Brang-Schroeder for all her hard work on Doggie Rama. She would like to see a simple Volunteer Awards Ceremony take place at Concerts in the Park. She would also like to have packets made up for new Commissioners, so they have an idea what the current commission has been doing.

Park Bills

08-070 Motion was made by BRANG-SCHROEDER supported by WEAVER to approve the Park's bills for 75100 Recreation, 75500 Concession and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Absent 3

Communication:

None

08-071 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried: 4-0 Absent 3

Respectfully submitted by Mr. John Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break