

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting August 24, 2009

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order August 24, 2009, by the Chair at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chair, Dennis Bauer
Vise Chair, Robert Mockeridge
Secretary, John Hebner
Commissioner William McSween
Commissioner, Amy Hichez
Commissioner Lois Wludyka

Absent: Commissioner John Keenan, Youth Commissioner Layla Abdel, Youth Commissioner Amanda Shaffner

Also present: Jan Pokorney, Chief John Buck, Bob Miller, Scott Gray, Theresa Burgess, Supervisor Tracey Schultz-Kobylarz, Mike Curle

Approval of Agenda

09-096 Motion: was made by WLUDYKA, supported by McSWEEN to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2009

09-097 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by WLUDYKA to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Citizen Comments: None

New Business:

- A. Police presence in parks** – Commission stated problems to Police Chief Buck particularly at Claude Allison and asked for a bigger presence such as officers stopping and walking or bike patrols. Chief Buck understand that response time maybe an issue based on patrols availability at the time. Also that it's important to have park rules signs up otherwise non posted rules cannot be enforced, Mike Curle will work to get rules signage up by spring.
- B. Cleaning crews at Claude Allison and Capital Parks** - We will be getting 6 workers from Michigan Works to help keep parks clean and trimmed.
- C. School districts paying for usage of parks-** Theresa will work on putting a list together of our costs for using the school districts facilities and charges we impose on them for comparison.
- D. Enforcing policies regarding payments of park usage** – Theresa is dealing with the YWCA regarding our policy, a written letter will go out.
- E. Concessions-** Question arose as to whether the concessions were making any money, although exact figures were not available it was stated that Capital was about break even and Claude Allison is making a small amount of money. Concerns were also voiced regarding the limited menu. Suggestions regarding the possible leasing of the

space to local restaurants was made, being as we're approaching the end of summer this item will be moved to the January 2010 meeting.

F. Renaming of Capital Park- An idea for renaming Capital Park to Handy Park was brought before the commission. This was based on the involvement of Roger Handy in the inception of Capital Park and his involvement with the Parks commission as well as the involvement and commitment of Miles Handy to the parks during his terms as a Trustee and Supervisor. After much discussion regarding the pros & cons:

09-098 Motion: was made by McSWEEN supported by HEBNER to table the item until January. Motion dies 3-3.

G. Capital Park Shelter bid- Play World Systems was chosen by Mike Curle and Mike Dennis, this recommendation will go before the board for approval tomorrow evening and work will take place 6-8 weeks after the boards approval.

H. Claude Allison softball tournament – Joe Bush is asking for permission to hold a softball tournament on 9/19 to benefit Autism (Autism Speaks). Discussion followed.

09-099 Motion: was made by McSWEEN supported by HICHEZ to approve the use of Claude Allison for a softball tournament on September 19,2009. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Adopt-A-Park:** This item is on the agenda for tomorrow nights board meeting, the Parks commission will attend.
- B. Signs at splash pad** – has not been done yet.
- C. Kraft equipment installation** – This will be a 1 day installation which has not taken place yet, possibly next week.
- D. Parks maintenance bills** – The commission will receive these monthly.

Department Report:

Jan Pokorney: having a little problem with parents allowing little kids in skate park without helmets.

Have been asking kids to help keeping the park clean and they have been very cooperative.

Theresa Burgess: Brochures will be going out with the calendars, classes are also posted on-line.

Monday begins dance signup. Karen will be leaving and Katie will be stepping in.

The bid packages for the construction of the fitness and dance rooms have gone out.

Mike Curle: Mike has no involvement with recreation.

6 worker from Michigan Works will be helping with Parks maintenance.

Commissioner Report:

- **Commissioner Hichez:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Mockeridge:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Bauer:** Commissioner Diane Webb would like to come to a meeting, possibly 9/14 to discuss Wayne County Parks.
- **Commissioner McSween:** Can take rentals at Capital on Saturday, Lois will take Sunday
- **Commissioner Hebner:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Wludyka:** Golfing out 9/12. hurting for golfers.

Park Bills

09-100 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HEBNER to approve parks bills 75200 and 75100. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

Communication: None

Adjournment

09-101 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by McSWEEN to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.
Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner John Hebner, Corresponding Secretary