

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting August 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order August 25, 2008 by the Vice Chair at 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner John Keenan and Commissioner Saira Comerford

Also present: Debbie Break, Mike Curle and Jim Bailey

08-093 Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER, to approve the Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

08-094 Approval of Amended Minutes from August 11, 2008: Motion was made by WEAVER, supported by OFFMAN to approve the minutes. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Citizen Comments:
None

Old Business:

- **Graham Field Diamond Cutback:** Commissioner Offman asked Mike Curle if any field permits had been issued to St. Valentines yet and the answer was no.

08-095 Motion: was made by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER to withhold issuing any field permits to St. Valentine until a payment has been made, as a show of good faith, that the cost of repairing the baseball diamond at Western Graham field will be paid back to the Redford Township Parks & Recreation Department. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

- **Doggie Rama:** Commissioner Brang-Schroeder said there were slightly less returning vendors this year, but more non-profit and rescue groups participated. The profit was slightly more than last year. The net profit was approximately \$1,270.63. As soon as her report has been typed it will be submitted to the commission for review.

New Business:

- **Picnic Shelter Rental Fee for Holidays:** Debbie Break had proposed to the Park Commissioners to have the weekend rate applied to Picnic Permits on all Holidays which fall on a weekday.

08-096 Motion: by OFFMAN supported by WEAVER to charge the weekend rate on all picnic permits for holidays which fall on a weekday. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

- **Welcome to new Park Commissioners planning:** Commissioner Okasinski suggested inviting all the new Park Commissioners to attend the regular meeting on Monday, September 22. She would like a packet made up of sample documents the new Commissioners would find helpful. Suggested documents are: Master Plan, By-Laws, Budget with spending to date, minutes, agenda and park bills, Concert in the Park schedule, brochure, Park surveys, special events (Bunny Brunch, Santa Brunch Pumpkin Patch, Daddy/Daughter and Mommy/Son Dances), Park Rules, Picnic Rules, Ball Diamond Fees, class cards, request to teach a class form, Parks & Recreation Magazine, Concession report, refrigerator magnet and any other suggestions.
 - The plan for the 9/22/08 meeting is for Commissioner Okasinski to speak for approximately 10 minutes on the Master Plan. Commissioner Brang-Schroeder to speak for approximately 10 minutes on the By-laws. Parks & Recreation Director Mike Curle will speak about the budget, surveys, special events and the website.
 - **There will be a special meeting on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 pm to prepare for the New Commissioner meeting.**

Department Report:

- **Debbie Break:** As the budget allows the parks could use more picnic shelters at Capitol and Claude Allison Parks and more picnic tables so the parks staff would not have to transfer around so many.
- **Mike Curle:** The park maintenance crews have installed a new tot swing at Claude Allison Park. They are adding more chips to the soft areas of the playground.
 - Have removed a couple of bushes from Capitol Park and are fixing broken picnic tables.
 - The summer is beginning to wind down.
 - Dance registration today was approximately \$5000.
 - Programming is set for the fall and the Fall/Winter brochure has been sent to the printer.
 - Looking for a new fitness director to teach Step Aerobics, Kick-boxing, Fitball or Zumba and working on starting a Dog Obedience class.

Commissioners' Report:

- **Commissioner Brang-Schroeder:** Thank you to Commissioner Okasinski for the Service Awards. She had a great time at Paws in the Park and enjoyed being a judge along with a clown and Sparky the Fire Dog. Attendance was low possibly due to the 90 degree weather. She also visited a Livonia park which was ADA all accessible. The park had some huge swings that looked like baby swings which were made by Play Core. The swings were big enough for an adult size person. She wondered if such a structure might be feasible in one of our parks.
- **Commissioner Weaver:** Concerts in the parks are going good. Swing Shift was good and the Sun Messengers rocked the house. She sends her regards to Mr. Link since she will regrettable be unable to attend the last concert.
- **Commissioner Offman:** Attended a Concert in the Park last week in Frankenmuth which was very nice.
- **Commissioner Dodd:** Glad to be here. Quote: "Change your thoughts and you change the world." By Norman Vincent Peal

- **Commissioner Okasinski:** Felt the Service Awards event went well by inviting the family and friends of the recipients. It was a pleasure to see some of the staff in attendance and meet their spouses. The website needs to have pictures of the event on it.

Park Bills

08-097 Motion was made by BRANG-SCHROEDER supported by OFFMAN to approve the Park's bills as amended for 75100 Recreation, 75500 Concession and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Communication: Ex-Park Commissioner Jim Bailey commended the effort the current Park Commissioners are doing to help the soon to be newly elected Park Commissioners transition into office. He suggested giving the new Commissioners a tour of all the parks and recreation facilities.

08-098 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner Diana Brang-Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break