

# Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting  
September 10, 2007

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was held on September 10, 2007 in the Redford Community Center in Meeting Room C. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Chair, Steve Offman  
Vice Chair, Kevin Dodd  
Secretary, Diana Brang-Schroeder  
Commissioner, Maureen Okasinski  
Commissioner, John Keenan  
Absent: Treasurer, Laura Evich, Commissioner Saira Comerford and Youth  
Commissioner

Also in attendance: Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Debbie Break, Tom O'Connor,

**07-081 Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda by Mr. Keenan and Ms. Brang Schroeder. Agenda approved. All ayes. Motion passed.

**07-082 Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Okasinski and Mr. Keenan motion to approve minutes from August 27. All ayes. Motion passed.

**07-083 – Motion** by Mr. Keenan and Mr. Dodd to have Ms. Okasinski sign the minutes from August 13, since the Secretary wasn't present at that meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

**07-084 – Motion** by Ms. Okasinski and Ms. Brang Schroeder to have Mr. Dodd sign the minutes from July 23, since the Secretary wasn't present. All ayes. Motion passed

**07-085 – Motion** by Ms. Okasinski and Mr. Keenan to have Mr. Dodd sign the Warrant Report, since the Treasurer is not present. All ayes. Motion passed.

**07-086 – Motion** by Ms. Okasinski and Ms. Brand Schroeder to have the Vice Chair sign all minutes and warrant lists if the Secretary or Treasurer are absent. All ayes. Motion passed

## Old Business:

- Doggie Rama – Final Report – Tabled
- Wade Trim Master Plan – Update - Tabled

## New Business:

- Dance Survey – Mr. Curle stated the majority of people surveyed said the dance program was Excellent, Great.
  - Ms. Okasinski was concerned regarding the 4 marked poor on the survey.

- Mr. Curle indicated there was a possibility they were all submitted by the same individual who was angry over a dance related issue. Also, some negative comments concerned a dance assistant, who is no longer with us, missing classes.

### **Department Report:**

- Mike Curle said the brochure was in and 19,000 were delivered to homes on Sunday, at the cost of approximately 8 cents (.075) per household. People have been calling with good feed back and coming in to sign-up for classes. We only spent approximately \$500 from our budget this time. R&D publishing did a great job collecting for advertising.
  - Theresa Burgess stated they received \$2,050.00 from ads in the brochure. There was only one major flaw and that was the front cover said Fall instead of Fall and Winter.
  - Claude Allison Snack counter structure was inspected since the vandalism and determined to be unsafe. Approximately \$1,500 will be paid for an architectural drawing and the cost of the repair will be approximately \$2,000. The Redford Township Building Department stated the drawing needed to be done by a structural engineer.
    - Mr. Keenan thinks this is a lot of money.
    - Mr. Curle found out after the fact he could have gone to Wade Trim.
    - The work will be done the end of October. Until then the Parks Maintenance Staff have braced it up so it won't come down.
  - Mr. Curle is looking into dugouts and looking to see if there is any funding available.
  - Dance registration is going good.
  - The Splash Pad is down to weekends only now.
    - Ms. Okasinski wants to know at the end of the season, what was the cost of running the Splash Pad this summer.
  - Mr. Offman would like Mr. Gray to provide an August Concession report.
    - Mr. Curle will have Mr. Gray provide the numbers for the next meeting.
  - Parks staff are doing a good job and working hard.
- Ms. Burgess said there will be no more drawing or gymnastic classes for now – she is looking for new instructors. The old ones could not afford to carry workmen's compensation on their employees. Mr. Gray has a friend who is also checking into new instructors for us.
- Mr. O'Connor said there are core issues and staffing problems which need to be addressed. It is a shame the Parks Board is without a funding source. He talked about raising taxes or having a millage for a new youth center. He feels the Redford community would invest in this idea.
  - Ms. Okasinski would like to start planning now for the next budget year. Especially with the staffing piece.
  - Mr. O'Connor said next month would be a good time to start and to try setting aside as many dollars as possible.

### **Commissioners' Report**

- Mr. Dodd – Nothing to report.

- Ms. Okasinski – Would like to see all our flag poles inspected and replace those that need it.
  - Mr. Curle said it would cost a minimum of a couple of thousand dollars to replace a pole. The pole at Claude Allison Park is in good shape. He and Michael Dennis, Community Development Director, have been checking into the flag pole at the Community Center. This pole needs to be checked for stability and have the ability to raise and lower the flag when needed.
- Ms. Brang Schroeder – Nothing to report.
- Mr. Keenan – Always getting compliments on the baseball diamond improvements. At the next meeting he would like to see a report on the Concessions from Mr. Gray for the month of August. He also feels there needs to be a hard look at staffing.

### **Park Bills**

**07-087 Motion** by Ms. Okasinski and Mr. Keenan to pass Park Bills 75500 Concession, 75100 Recreation, 75200 Maintenance. All Ayes. Motion passed

### **Communication**

See attached letter from the Greater Redford Community Foundation

### **Citizen Comments**

None

### **07-088 Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn at 7:530 p.m. by Mr. Keenan and Ms. Okasinski. All ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Brang-Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break