

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting September 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order September 14, 2009, by the Chair at 7:05 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, Bob Miller, Theresa Burgess, Trustee Pat McRae, Mike Curle, Brian Love, Commissioner Diane Webb, Dave Sanders, Amilla Moore, Stacey Jariett, Carrie & Tom O'Connor, Trustee Kathleen Maher, Mike Sullivan, R. Miles Handy, Mary Murphy, Pat Murphy

Approval of Agenda

09-102 Motion: was made by HEBNER, supported by WLUDYKA to approve the agenda. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2009

09-103 Motion: was made by HEBNER supported by MOCKERIDGE to table the approval of the minutes until the September 28, 2009 meeting. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Citizen Comments: Brian Love – read letter from Speaker of the House Andy Dillon regarding the renaming of Capital Park.

Trustee Pat McRae – shared personal reflections regarding the renaming of Capital Park.

New Business:

A. Discussion of County Parks with Commissioner Diane Webb – There was some complication with the language for the bridge grant, it has been resolved and construction should begin in the spring. There will be a millage renewal election for local parks, as the Parks commission we need to continue prioritizing ideas and needs. Will continue working with Mike Dennis. Question posed – what about falling trees, particularly in Lola Park? Answer – the county prioritizes based on safety, like all departments they are short staffed and are getting to them as soon as possible.

B. Adopt-a-Park approvals – All documents will be kept at leisure services. Dave Sanders from St. Valentine Men's Club submitted application for Western Graham Park, which would include general maintenance of Ball diamonds. Chair Dennis Bauer reiterated that any and all capital improvements need to be brought before the commission for approval.

09-104 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HICHEZ to approve the adoption of Western Graham Park by St. Valentine's Men's Club. Motion carried; 6-0 Ayes.

C. Fencing at Western Graham Park- Mike Curle is working with McNichols Fencing to put fence up, possible donation.

09-105 Motion; was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by McSWEEN to table until the next meeting. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes

D. Parks & Recreation volunteer award – A message will be sent out in January for nominations, move to January agenda.

E. 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:

09-106 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HICHEZ to approve the renaming of Capital Park to Handy Park. A roll call vote was taken, Motion carried 5-1 Ayes.

Unfinished Business:

A. John Keenan resignation: Clarification is needed from the Clerks office

09-107 Motion: was made by HICHEZ supported by HEBNER to table until either Clerk Christie can make a meeting or give us clarification on how to move forward. Motion carried, 6-0 Ayes.

B. Signs at splash pad – Signs will go up in the spring, although there are concerns about too many signs.

C. Kraft equipment installation – this is complete and looks great.

D. School districts paying for usage – the analysis of costs vs. income will be complete for the next meeting.

E. Capital Park shelter update – The bid has been approved. A disgruntled bidder issued a complaint with HUD and the Township doesn't want to sign a contract until the legal issues are resolved.

F. Baseball dugout status – Still not completed.

09-108 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HICHEZ to have a letter drafted and sent to those responsible for status of completion and accounting.

Department Report:

Theresa Burgess: Dance and Fitness rooms are being done now, Theresa has done all the work. Classes are starting this week and are filling up quickly.

-The Flier machine has died, a new one is needed.

-Holding a stranger smart program on October 10, 2009 at 2:00pm in the Community Center.

-The letter that was sent to the YWCA regarding the use of the tennis courts was sent and there is a copy in the commissioner's packets.

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

Mike Curle: Have only received 4 workers from the Michigan Works Program, work is getting done but slowly.

-Kraft Park is done.

- Working on October Fest banners.

Mike Dennis: met with the school board regarding the Vandenberg walking track. Hoping to be done by Halloween.

- Working on the next stages of the Bell Creek bridge, the contracts were sent to the state. Construction should be starting in April.
- October Fest is October 2nd & 3rd, need volunteers.
- Scott Gray will be holding a softball tournament the second week in October with a minimum of 10 teams.

Commissioner Report:

- **Commissioner Hichez:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Mockeridge:** Code of Ethics brought up at Board meeting, a copy is in our packets.
 - Thanks to Scott for adding items to the concessions menu.
 - Jaycees will be holding a Haunted House this year volunteers are needed.
- **Commissioner Bauer:** Regarding the Township website; who's responsible for it and can it be linked to ours?
 - Spoke with Dorothy about the operation clean up Redford by the youth group.
- **Commissioner McSween:** Do we still need to check on Park rentals?
- **Commissioner Hebner:** Nothing
- **Commissioner Wludyka:** Golf outing complete, about \$7,000 was brought in.

Park Bills

09-109 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by HEBNER to approve parks bills 75200, 75100 and 75500. Motion carried 6-0 Ayes.

Communication: None

Adjournment

09-110 Motion: was made by MOCKERIDGE supported by McSWEEN to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried: 6-0 Ayes.

Respectfully submitted by Commissioner John Hebner, Corresponding Secretary