

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting
September 24, 2007 – Second Amendment

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was held on September 24, 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
Treasurer, Laura Evich
Secretary, Diana Brang-Schroeder
Commissioner, Maureen Okasinski

Absent: Commissioner John Keenan, Commissioner Saira Comerford and Youth Commissioner

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

07-089 Approval of Agenda: Motion to Amend the Agenda by moving Citizen Comments before Old Business and to approve said Amended Agenda by Ms. Evich and Ms. Brang-Schroeder. All ayes. Motion passed.

07-090 Approval of Minutes: Motion to Amend the Minutes from September 10, 2007 by changing Mr. to Ms. Brang-Schroeder and to approve the Amended minutes from September 10, 2007 by Ms. Okasinski and Ms. Brang-Schroeder. All ayes. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments

- Mr. Mike Dennis, Director of Community Development and Building Director, asked the Commissioners to work with him on the Skateboard Park expansion to the north. Mr. Dennis has done a lot of work on the building to make it more aesthetically pleasing and does not want to see a 10 ft. high fence go totally across the back of the parking lot. Maybe the extended fence could be limited to 4 ft. He feels a 10 ft. fence would make the back of the parking lot at the Community Center look like a prison.
 - Ms. Evich stated the shorter fence would be a safety issue for skaters as well as for vandals.
 - Ms. Brang-Schroeder would not mind looking at other ideas.
 - Ms. Okasinski stated the purpose of the expansion was to spread out the existing equipment to alleviate congestion, not necessarily to add more equipment.

Old Business:

- Doggie Rama's final report was distributed by Ms. Brang-Schroeder. See attached copy. The expenses were \$93.01 and the total profit was \$954.99.
- Wade Trim Master Plan Update was presented by Ms. Groya. She had made minor edits. The non-motorized desired route plan for the DDA is not ready yet. Programming updates have been added and if there are any changes to be made to the new edit please

let Ms. Groya know as soon as possible. The guidelines from the public meeting have also been added.

- Ms. Okasinski would like to see the Parks Commission “Mission Statement” added to the master plan instead of the Goal statement on page 56. Under “Communication with Real Estate Agents” (page 56) should include giving a packet to perspective Redford Township citizens. Under funding on (page 57) the third bullet on establishment of a 501 c (3) should be rewritten to say, “Support and coordinate the establishment of a”
- Ms. Groya said the “Capital Improvement Priorities” on (page 57) is to address the DNR changes. Projects must meet Master Plan Guidelines or Mission Statements. Ms. Groya went over the Capital Improvement Priorities with the Commissioners making the following changes:
 - Jaycee Park – Picnic Tables & Grills move to on-going.
 - Capitol Park – Lighting on Diamond #1 move to long-term.
 - Claude Allison Park – Convert rollerblade area to a multiple use area.
 - Western Graham Park – Red Clay at both fields unless it will interfere with overflow parking or soccer.
 - Beech Tot Lot – Increase usage of park. Possible Dog Park or basketball.
 - Vandenburg – Lighting moved to short term.
 - St Hillary – No red clay since the Diamond really is not used – explore or develop soccer field, green space, picnic area, etc.
- Restroom facilities need to be addressed. Add them under “General Items” on-going on page 60.
- Mr. Curle suggested possibly having Park Rangers to lock up the bathrooms and help monitor the parks.
- Ms. Okasinski wants to know why Ball Diamond improvements are so important. Are we going to get tournaments in here? Why not focus on having the parks ADA accessible, or update playground equipment? We need to look at usage first.
- Mr. O’Connor suggested moving “General Items” before “Parks”. Mr. Dodd agreed.
- Ms. Okasinski suggested adding Rock Climbing or Bouldering (6 ft. high or less, so it can be un-manned) at Claude Allison Park.
- Ms. Groya said we need to set November 12 for the Public Hearing at Townhall in the Board Room. Also, the final Master Plan should be ready for display by October 8. The public has 30 days to view it before the Public Hearing.

New Business:

07-091 Motion by Ms. Evich, supported by Ms. Okasinski and Ms. Brang-Schroeder for the commissioner’s to have their pictures taken again for the Redford Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Directory. All Ayes. Motion passed. Pictures will be taken at the next meeting.

- Mr. Curle brought to the attention of the commission how many checks for discount tickets bounced this year. He suggests next year we accept only cash or credit card.

07-092 Motion by Ms. Evich to only accept cash or credit cards next year unless we get a check reader. Supported by Ms. Brang-Schroeder and Mr. Dodd. 4 ayes and 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Department Report:

- Ms. Burgess said the department is looking into a new program called Start Smart for boys & girls. She is looking for an instructor thru the Sports Development Program.
 - Mr. Curle said this would plug a hole in their programming for 3-5 year olds.
 - Ms. Burgess and Mr. Curle will be checking out a gymnastics facility at 10 mile and Grand River. They are looking into having Metro Cheer teach basic tumbling. They are also looking into whether they will have the Craft Show at Christmas time again this year.
 - Mr. O'Connor suggested having the Craft Show on the same day as Old Fashioned Holidays.
 - Ms. Burgess and Ms. Morris are working to have a Winterfest inside the building this year.
 - Pumpkin Patch tickets are now on sale.
 - The last day for Discount Tickets was Tuesday, September 25, 2007.
 - Ms. Brang-Schroeder suggested sending Parks & Rec. flyers to the new Young 5's program in South Redford.
- Mr. Curle said the Pumpkin Patch will be held Saturday, October 20. He and Mr. Dennis are checking into the possibility of having hayrides.
 - The Fire Department is having an open house on October 7 during the afternoon.
 - Mr. Curle paid approx. \$800 to have clay bricks and mound clay added to the pitchers and batters mounds to make them more stable.
 - The last two weeks his men have been taking down flower baskets and putting up mums in the DDA and getting ready for Oktoberfest.
 - Grass is still growing fast.
 - Softball has 4 more weeks.
 - This fall his men will be planting more trees and adding more chips to the soft landing areas in the parks.
 - Mr. McCoy is building Volleyball poles for the move to Pearson Education Center.
 - Mr. Curle would like to thank Ms. Burgess for helping to get the numbers for Ms. Groya and the Master Plan.
- Mr. O'Connor wants to do a time study in regards to staff. He will have a report ready in October that will show what the human resources and dollars look like. Since this is a sensitive subject he would like to meet in a closed session with the Commissioners about staffing.
 - He also echoed the hard work of Mr. Curle, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Groya. Mr. O'Connor stated the wood floor in the Youth Arcade looks good.
- Mr. Gray was not in attendance, but Mr. Curle presented his report on the state of the concession stands. See Attached.

Commissioners' Report:

- Mr. Dodd gave his quote for the day.
- Ms. Evich had nothing to report.
- Ms. Brang-Schroeder will volunteer to help out at the Fire Station on October 7 and would welcome the company of any other Commissioners.
- Ms. Okasinski cannot do October events. She will be out of town. She wanted to know if Parks & Recreation were sending pictures to Marsha Kisch. She reminded everyone to pay Ms. Burgess for the golf outing.

Park Bills

07-092 Motion by Mr. Dodd and Ms. Brang-Schroeder to pass Park Bills 75500 Concession, 75100 Recreation, 75200 Maintenance. All Ayes. Motion passed

Communication

None

07-093 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. by Ms. Brang-Schroeder and Mr. Dodd. All ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Brang-Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break