

**Charter Township of Redford
Parks Commission Meeting
January 14, 2008 – Amended**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was held on January 14, 2008 in the Redford Community Center in Meeting Room B. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner, Saira Comerford, Youth Commissioner, Suzanne Vulaj

Also in attendance: Mike Curle, Debbie Break, Theresa Burgess, Bob Salmonson (ECO Media), Dave Hamilton (Fire Ants Baseball), Jim Karker (RALL) Robin and Brian Wilson, Bill Sullivan (NRCLL/C.P.S.L.L)

08-001 Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Brang-Schroeder and Mr. Offman to approve the Agenda by moving New Business before Old Business and add Commissioners Mail to New Business. Agenda approved. All ayes. Motion passed.

08-002 Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Offman and Mr. Dodd to approve the minutes from December 10, 2007. All ayes. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

- Mr. Brian Wilson submitted a letter to the Parks Commission regarding running all concession stands starting summer of 2008. He stated he has been very successful in running concessions for the NRCLL and feels he has a good plan, which would extend the hours of operation. Mr. Wilson will be on the next Agenda to provide more details about his independent contract, non-profit, extended hours plan.

New Business:

- Dave Hamilton, from the Fire Ants Travel baseball team for 13 year olds, is looking for a home for his team. He is looking for field time and would like the Parks Commission to waive the fee for field rental since all the children on the team are Redford Residents. He would like to hold their games at Claude Allison on Sundays or better yet at Capitol 2 on Saturdays. These games would be bringing people from other communities to see the games.
 - Mike Curle will have to balance the fields with our Little Leagues and said the Fire Ants would have to provide their own bases. The only additional expenses

would be the chalking of the fields. The team would practice at Graham and Pearson fields.

08-003 Motion by Mr. Offman and Ms. Brang-Schroeder to waive the fee for the use of the fields and the Fire Ants will work out the practice and game scheduling with Mike Curle. All Ayes. Motion passed.

- Website Updates: Mr. Salmonson has added a counter. As of today there have been 318 hits. He discussed the possibility of adding advertising on the website and a Survey. He has asked the Commission to provide him with the questions for the survey and he will add it to the website. His fee for adding advertising to the website would be \$10. He estimates the average cost of advertising for one year to be approximately \$24 per advertisement. Mr. Salmonson will do further research on this and report back to the Commission. He also suggests putting the approved minutes from the meetings on the website and having the Redford Township website provide a direct link to the Parks and Recreation website to avoid confusion.

- By-laws: Numerous suggestions were made for changes to the By-laws.

08-004 Motion by Mr. Offman and Ms. Weaver to table the By-laws until the next meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

- Commissioners Mail: Mr. Offman would like his mail delivered in a timely manner. Lately by the time he received his mail several events had already taken place.

Old Business:

- Mr. Karker, of RALL, has received a \$10,000 grant from Home Depot for materials, and Home Depot is donating the labor to build dugouts. Bill Sullivan from the NRCLL is also in support of this project. The goal is to provide as many dugouts as possible. The list of prioritized diamonds is as follows:

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| 1. Jaycee/Beech Field | 2. Claude #4 (tear down/rebuild) |
| 3. Capitol #1 | 4. Western/Graham (2 diamonds) |
| 5. Manning | 6. Kraft/Volney (roof only) |
| 7. Phoenix | 8. Claude #3 |
| 9. Korvette | 10. Pearson #1 (hardball) |
| 11. Pearson #2 (LL/Softball) | 12. Mann |

See Attached.

08-005 Motion by Mr. Keenan and Mr. Dodd to approve the design for the dugouts. 5 ayes and 1 abstain. Motion Passed.

- Cutting Back Diamond – Western Graham: Mr. Keenan made a motion to allow the cutting back at Western Graham to accommodate 80 foot bases. No Second. Motion failed.
- Electrical Tap – Western Graham: To have the ability to announce the games.
 - Motion by Mr. Keenan to allow John Danic from the Redford Township Building Department to install the electrical tap. No Second. Motion Failed.
- Tree Planting:

08-006 Motion by Mr. Keenan and Ms. Weaver to table Tree Planting to be better prepared.

Department Report:

- Ms. Burgess and Mr. Curle met with the Daktronics representative about an Electronic Message Board. Their information was presented to Supervisor Handy who said he would like to fund it out of the water department budget.
 - Ms. Burgess would like to see a Picnic Shelter at Claude Allison Park not only for the picnickers but also as another location for the Summer Youth Program.
 - She is considering adding Stuckey School as a 3rd site for the Summer Youth Program and having each site rotate to Claude Allison Park 3 days per week from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - She has also been checking into the possibility of renting a swimming pool from one of the high schools and funding an Instructor and staff.
 - The Spring/Summer brochure will go to print no later than the beginning of March.
 - She said Supervisor Handy would like to see more programming for teenagers.
 - The Youth Commission program on “Teens Against Graffiti” will begin sometime this spring. They are currently finalizing the details.
 - This year will be the 50th year of the Junior Olympics and Ms. Burgess would like to hold the event on Saturday so more families would be able to participate and more events could be added. She would like it to be a little more special due to the anniversary.
- Mr. Curle and Ms. Burgess agree that the 1 color/3 line electronic message board would be good. They feel the amber color is better than the red color. The message board is not a scrolling board. The approximate cost of the board would be \$20,000. If full color was added, it would be an additional \$8,000.
 - The Capitol Park outdoor ice rink will be installed as soon as the ground stays frozen.
 - Copy of final Master Plan report was distributed to the Commissioners.
 - It was suggested to only give one copy to the clerks’ office; otherwise, if there were to be 7 new Commissioners added next year, there would not be enough for everyone. Mr. Curle will check with Ms. Groya to see how much it would cost to order more.

Commissioners’ Report

- Mr. Dodd congratulated Ms. Okasinski on her new baby. He would like to see the following on the next agenda: Secretary in Parks & Rec., Park Job Function, and Payroll to fund full time Secretary. Quote for the day: “Change your thoughts and you can change the world”, by Norman Vincent Peal.
- Mr. Offman offered congratulations on the new baby and thanks to Mr. Curle for all his hard work on the By-Laws.
- Ms. Weaver offered congratulations on the new baby and welcomed Debbie Break back; she would like her comments regarding Les Wedge’s proposal for an outdoor ice rink to be included in the minutes from that meeting.

- Ms. Brang Schroeder offered congratulations on the new baby; paid her respects when Les Wedge's father died; attended open skating on Sunday; congratulations for a good job to all who worked on the bylaws.
- Mr. Keenan offered congratulations on the new baby and thanks to everyone for approving the dugouts.
- Ms. Okasinski thanked everyone for the baby gifts and for their hard work on the By-laws.

08-007 Motion by Mr. Offman and Mr. Dodd to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the Picnic Policy on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Redford Community Center.

Park Bills

08-008 Motion by Ms. Weaver and Mr. Dodd to pass Park bills for 75500 Concession, 75100 Recreation, 75200 Maintenance. All Ayes. Motion passed

Communication:

None

08-009 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. by Mr. Offman and Ms. Weaver. All ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mr. John Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break