

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting
January 28, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was held on January 28, 2008 in the Redford Community Center in Meeting Room C. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 present: Mike Curle, Debbie Break, Theresa Burgess, Tom O'Connor, Scott Gray, Jennifer Boughton, Robert Mockeridge (NRCLL) Robin and Brian Wilson

08-013 Approval of Agenda: Motion by DODD, supported by OFFMAN, to approve the Agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0

08-014 Approval of Minutes: Motion by OFFMAN, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER, to approve the minutes from January 14, 2008 as amended. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0

Citizen Comments:

None

New Business:

08-015 Motion by OFFMAN, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to discuss proposal for concessions.

08-016 Motion by OFFMAN, supported by DODD to table the concession proposal until a special meeting can be held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business:

➤ **By-Laws**

08-017 Motion by BRANG-SCHROEDER, supported by KEENAN, to approve the By-Laws as amended on 1/28/08.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion carried: 6 – 0

➤ **Tree Planting**

08-018 Motion by KEENAN, supported by WEAVER, to purchase two (2) trees costing no more than \$60 total, to be planted at Claude Allison Park, commemorating their four (4) years together as Park Commissioners.

➤ **Parks and Recreation Secretarial Position & Funding / Park Job Study**

08-019 Motion by KEENAN, supported by DODD to be discussed at the Special Meeting on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. during a closed session.

➤ **Magnets Re-Stocking**

Oaksinski would like Mike Curle to pick out something new and to get some stickers for the children who come into the Parks and Recreation Department.

Department Report:

- Theresa Burgess – All winter programs are running. Abracadoodle open house went well. She and Mike Curle are still looking into a Swimming Program. Burgess has a lead on having some college students write a grant for Parks and Recreation for no cost.
- Mike Curle – Wants to start small with a Swimming Program and will continue to work with Burgess. Out-door ice rink has been filled. Parks are being prepared for new dugouts.
- Scott Gray – New Start Smart program is a success and may expand. Basketball is in full swing. Softball registration for Spring League begins February 1, 2008 for returning teams. He and Mike Curle decided there would be no price increase this year for softball and Gray is working on recruiting more teams.
- Tom O’Connor – Would like to see a broader outreach and more detailed proposals for the concessions.
- Jan Pokorney – The teens are asking if the skate park will get the new fencing this summer.

Commissioners’ Report

- Steve Offman – offered a quote for Mr. Dodd
- Diana Brang-Schroeder – Congratulations to Theresa Burgess for being nominated for “The Spirit of Redford” award. The Schroeder’s plan to attend both Mommy/Son and Daddy/Daughter Dances with their children respectively.
- Kevin Dodd – Congratulated Theresa Burgess for being nominated for “The Spirit of Redford” award. Quote for the day: “Success if when your name is in everything but the phone book” – unknown.
- Laura Weaver – This year marks the 20th anniversary of “Concerts in the Park”. She would like to form a sub-committee to plan something special.
- John Keenan – It is fun to be here.
- Maureen Okasinski – Would like to see Scott Gray develop more clinics for children, to help them develop better skills, so they can feel better and more independent.

Park Bills

08-020 Motion by OKASINSKI, supported by DODD to pass Park bills for, 75100 Recreation, 75200 Maintenance.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion carried: 6 – 0

Communication:

- Parade form must be filled out and turned in by June 1, 2008.
- Jennifer Boughton, Studio Manager, of JC Penney Portrait Studio at 12 Oaks Mall in Novi presented an opportunity to work together with Parks and Recreation for cross promoting.

08-021 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. by WEAVER, supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER. All ayes. Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully submitted by Mr. John Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break