

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting
October 22, 2007
(Amended)

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was held on October 22, 2007 in the Redford Community Center in Meeting Room C. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Mike Curle, Debbie Break, Tom O'Connor, Jan Pokorny, Bruce Corner and Tom Ellrich

07-100 Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the Agenda Ms. Weaver and Mr. Keenan. Agenda approved. All ayes. Motion passed.

07-101 Approval of Amended Minutes: Ms. Okasinski wanted the minutes amended to retract Mr. Dennis's statement that there would be no block grant funding available if the skate park is expanded with a 10 foot fence instead of the 4 foot fence he is asking for. She realizes Mr. Dennis was passionate in his plea to the board to maintain an aesthetically pleasing look around the Redford Township Community Center and is an advocate for Parks and Recreation. Also, at the time of the last meeting Mr. Dennis was unaware there was a specific safety height requirement for the skateboard fence. Mr. Dennis has no problem with the skateboard expansion. Mr. Keenan and Ms. Okasinski motion to approve Amended minutes from September 24, 2007. All ayes. Motion passed.

Citizen Comments:

- Mr. Michael Dennis will be meeting with Mr. Curle about the fencing and new sign for the skateboard park and he is also trying to get some new equipment for the expanded park. He is appreciative of the Commissioners understanding on how passionate he is about the aesthetics of the skateboard park area and it was never his intention to appear threatening to the Commission. He informed the Commissioner's recently that the Community Center has received two certificates of appreciation. One from the Chamber of Commerce: "Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Your Contribution by Enhancing Redford Township with Significant Property Maintenance" and the other was a congressional certificate of appreciation.
 - Mr. Keenan wanted to know what the hold-up was with the water department project which will affect the timing of the skateboard park expansion. Mr. Dennis

informed him the hold-up was on the part of Wayne County and not the Redford Township Water Department. There is no telling at this time when the project will begin.

- Ms. Pokorny asked the Commissioners if something special could be done for Ms. Karen VanDeRyt, to honor her for ten years of teaching dance for Redford Township. The Parks & Recreation parents of dance students would also like to see her honored. Perhaps the Observer Eccentric Newspaper could come out and do a story.

07-102 Motion by Ms. Okasinski and Ms. Weaver to honor Ms. Karen VanDeRyt with a certificate at the December 10, 2007 meeting.

Old Business:

- Mr. Curle redid the, "Collaboration-Accomplishments" paperwork from the March 26, 2007 meeting. If the Commission agrees with the changes, he will submit all the paperwork to the Clerks office so the Commissioners can be paid for that meeting. The Commissioners were in agreement. Ms. Okasinski would like to add some changes later before the document is presented to the Township Board in January 2008. Ms. Brang-Schroeder would like to have a special meeting regarding this.

07-103 Motion by Ms. Brang-Schroeder and Ms, Okasinski to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Redford Community Center, Meeting Room C.

New Business:

- Mr. Bruce Corner, coach of the Redford Rebels Baseball Travel Club, has asked the Park Commissioners if they would once again allow his team to use Capitol Park Diamond #1 for 8-10 home games, no practice, free of charge. The players will clean up the field and dugout after every game.

07-104 Motion by Ms. Weaver and Mr. Keenan to allow the Redford Rebels to have 8-10 home games played on Diamond #1 at Capitol Park free of charge.

- Mr. Corner would also like to help bring a tournament to Redford Township in 2009. He feels between Capitol, Manning, Phoenix and Western Graham fields it could be done.
- Mr. Keenan asked if it might be possible in 2008.
- Mr. Corner didn't think so, but will investigate the possibility and return next month to the Park Commission Meeting with a report.

Department Report:

- Mr. O'Connor said there will be about 1000 kids on 6 Mile for Angels Night and thought it would be a good idea to hand out 800, \$5 coupons toward taking a P&R class. His wife will also be attending that night.
 - Ms. Okasinski stated the coupons should be good toward a Winter or Spring class, or one of the holiday mini sessions.
- Mr. Curle has received a used backhoe from the Water Department. His staff has been adding new chips to the playgrounds and took out the old landscaping from around the new Redford Township sign at Joy Road and Telegraph.

Commissioners' Report

- The date for Park Commission Elections will be on the November 12, 2007 Agenda.

- Ms. Brang-Schroeder has already bought candy for Angels Night and wants to know how many commissioners will be coming. Mr. Keenan, Ms. Weaver said they plan to attend. Ms. Brang-Schroeder would also like to have Parks & Recreation flyers and brochures on hand.
- Ms. Okasinski happy to be here and will be attending Angel's Night.
- Ms. Weaver thanks Scott, Leslie and Lee for their preparation work for Pumpkin Patch. She also thanks Mike Dennis for driving the hay wagon giving out rides. There were a lot of kids and it was nice.
- Mr. Dodd pleasure to be here and I had a great time at the Pumpkin Patch. He quotes "Mistakes are the portal of discovery." James Joyce.
- Mr. Keenan would like to see a final concession report and plans on being at the special meeting on Nov. 8th.
- Ms. Brang-Schroeder welcomes the new youth commissioner, Suzen Vulaj.
- Mr. Offman wants a concession report from Mr. Gray for the month of October at the next meeting.
- Ms. Vulaj stated that she is a junior at Redford Union and has tutored here since she was a freshman.

Park Bills

07-098 Motion by Ms. Okasinski and Mr. Keenan to pass Park bills for 75500 Concession, 75100 Recreation, 75200 Maintenance. All Ayes. Motion passed

Communication:

None

07-099 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Ms. Brang-Schroeder and Mr. Keenan. All ayes. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Brang-Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break