

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**
Regular Meeting
White Lake, MI 48383
FEBRUARY 13, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Deren called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL: Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Deb Deren, Vice Chair
Rhonda Grubb – Planning Commission Liaison
Jean-Philippe Loew
Andrea Voorheis – Township Board Liaison

Also Present: Jason Iacoangeli, AICP, Senior Planner
Sherri Ward, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 7

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Grubb moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. December 12, 2018

Mr. Loew wanted to point out that his name was misspelled in the minutes.

Ms. Deren moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018 as amended. Mr. Loew supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fisk Farm Pathway Project

Mr. Iacoangeli wanted to go over where we left off at the last meeting. Mr. Iacoangeli discussed the quote that was received previously for the pathway. The last time we visited this we were going to look at making the pathway near the farm 6' in width. The plan needs to be revised and rebid. Ms. Carlock asked if they could fill in the ditch and locate the pathway there. Drainage would need to be installed to replace that ditch. The pathway was just too close to the farm buildings.

Greg Baroni (2501 Bogie Lake Road) asked if when the pathway was quoted, were they quoted separately? Did the driveway get separated out in the bid? No it did not. Mr. Baroni wants to see the driveway bid out.

Mr. Loew moved to ask the Township Engineer to put the driveway and the sidewalk from the driveway to the north edge of the property out for bids. Ms. Carlock supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

b. Ballfield Spring Maintenance

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that the Vetter park ballfield is in need of maintenance. The infield needs to be excavated down a few feet and the material needs to be removed and replaced with Washington style ball mix (terra cotta color mix). The Planning Department met with a several different people and a company named Homefield was the only one qualified to complete the work. People generally aren't allowed on the field in March, so we'd like to get it done in March and be ready by April 1. Hidden Pines was evaluated and it does not need it. It was excavated deeper and is holding up better. The Supervisor's office can approve anything up to \$5,000.00.

Ms. Voorheis asked about the life span, Mr. Iacoangeli noted that it's about 5 years. Each fall the field should be grated, and then in the spring it should be top dressed. There should be a better maintenance schedule for our ballfields.

Ms. Deren moved to ask the Supervisors office to schedule Homefield to complete the maintenance to the Vetter Park ballfields. Each ballfield should also be scheduled for fall grading and spring top dressing. Mr. Loew supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

a. MNRTF Grant Update

Mr. Iacoangeli wanted to let everyone know the Township is starting to work on the due diligence for the acquisition. They've done the 40 year title search. The same owners have been there 40 years. Kemtech engineers put together the surveyor boundary map. They went back into the files they had and found the surveyor for the old proposed condos. Kemtech was able to update the survey very inexpensively. They will start on a Phase 1 environmental study. We are now waiting for the legislature to take up the current budget. Ms. Carlock suggested letting know the Township Senator and representatives know what is coming.

b. 2019 Parks & Recreation Project Goals and Grant Targets

Mr. Iacoangeli went over the list of projects that were ranked at the last meeting. The Supervisor has asked Mr. Iacoangeli to get clear direction from the board what they would like to work on. The Union Lake, Bogie Lake and Teggerdine pathways would be first. Ms. Carlock would suggest looking for TAP grants for the Bogie Lake pathway and pair it with a trust fund trail grant. Ms. Carlock likes the Oxbow Lake mini park as an acquisition. There is also Township land along Elizabeth Lake Road that fronts the river.

Mr. Loew would look at how many people would benefit from the different projects. Ms. Carlock would like to check into an ITC pathway from time to time too. TAP grants have four openings per year. Mr. Loew thought the Bogie Lake pathway would benefit the most people.

Mr. Iacoangeli noted that it may be a good idea to complete a continuous pathway around Kroger, Trinity Health, etc. It would connect a big walkable triangle -- along Elizabeth Lake road, M59 to Teggerdine and back around.

Mr. Loew thinks it's important to have a pathway from the mobile home park to Walmart. Ms. Carlock noted that the existing M-59 pathway really needs work.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that they're very busy in their office with new development.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis reported that Lieutenant Larry Sheldon retired after 30 years. She will not be at the next meeting due a vacation.

Mr. Loew wanted to say White Lake is fun to cross country ski. He's wondering if it's okay to just use the ball diamonds when they are available. Pick up games are fine, organized sports need a permit. He wondered if the park is so pristine that maybe the kids don't know they can use it whenever they want. Maybe a sign would work encouraging pick up play or a number to call for organized leagues to call. There should be a phone number on the sign already for ball field reservations for organized leagues.

Ms. Deren had no comments.

Ms. Grubb reported that the Planning Commission met on January 3 and approved the special land use for the cell tower off Bogie Lake Road. The Planning Commission also elected officers. She will not be at the next meeting.

Ms. Carlock had no comments.

Adjournment:
8:23 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 13, 2019