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WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION

Regular Meeting
7525 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
March 12, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Carlock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Mr. Loew was excused.

ROLL CALL: Merrie Carlock, Chairperson
Debby Dehart
Deb Deren, Secretary
Jean-Philippe Loew - Excused
Andrea Voorheis
Barbara Workman
Linda Erlich

Also Present: Jason Iacoangeli, Staff Planner
Lynn Lindon, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 2

Approval of Agenda:

Ms. Deren moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Erlich supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes of January 22, 2013

Ms. Deren moved to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013 as presented. Ms. Erlich supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes; 2 abstained – Carlock and Voorheis)

Call to the Public (for items not on the agenda)

Ms. Carlock opened the discussion for public comment on items not listed on the agenda, but none was offered.

New Business:

a. Parks and Rec Online Survey Results

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that 264 people took the survey and the results were posted on the White Lake Patch. He briefly reviewed the results, and from those results, goals and objectives were developed.

b. Goals and Objectives Review

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed the goals and objectives that resulted from the survey. He noted that some of the goals in the last plan 5 years ago were still relevant today. He explained the goals as being the desired outcome and the objectives needed to achieve the goals.

He reviewed the new goals that were added, one being to explore the feasibility of a White Lake Recreation Center, at which the response was overwhelming. People at the visioning session understood there are other places to do these things, but those places do not have the community feel they desire.

There were minor changes suggested by the members that Mr. Iacoangeli will incorporate into the document before it is presented to the Township Board.

Mr. Iacoangeli distributed the Action Plan Summary, which delineates the plan and detailed funding. He asked the members to review the proposed plan and prepare to discuss and share their thoughts at the next meeting.

While these are long-range goals, the committee should look at a way to market the plan, perhaps through public service announcements, and the possibility of putting together a small video that could be shown on cable tv.

c. 2013 MNRTF Grant Project

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that the window of opportunity has passed due to time and staffing constraints and this would be brought back again for consideration next year. There may be opportunities for small applications, i.e. the Recreation Passport.

d. North Broadmoor Sidewalk Request

Mr. Iacoangeli referenced a letter sent by the Township to the subdivision. The residents of North Broadmoor have brought in a petition signed by 83 homeowners along with emails in favor of this proposal. They are looking to connect the existing 5 ft. sidewalk to the frontage of Union Lake Road and tie into the Dublin Senior Center to avoid walking in the street and/or on the grass. The Community Development Department feels this is a worthwhile project. He noted there was no internal connection plan when the site was developed. This will go before the Township Board at their meeting next Tuesday, March 19. He noted that there has been conversation with the homeowners association and they have indicated they cannot come to the table with any funding for the project.

Keith McKenzie of the North Broadmoor Subdivision indicated that the homes surrounding the park have had problems with people cutting through yards when the St. Pat's Fair goes on and they are just looking for a connection to the park. Families are very supportive of the project, but cost wise, they could not contribute financially, but they are willing to maintain the area. He added that there are safety concerns with people taking a risk of crossing along Union Lake Road.

Ms. Dehart asked if the pathway could be skewed to come along the north end of the Dublin property to connect to the pathway. Mr. Iacoangeli felt it was a good idea, but not feasible at this time. If the Board approves this, it will make sure the trail doesn't dump off at the apron or driveway of the Dublin Center.

Ms. Carlock moved to recommend support of the North Broadmoor sidewalk request to the Township Board. Erlich supported and MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

e. Baseball Field Maintenance Equipment

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated that the township wants to invest in a machine to chalk line the ball fields. He reviewed 2 quotes received, one for \$632 and the other for \$603. He noted that the higher quote is from a company in Minnesota that makes them here in the USA.

Ms. Carlock moved to approve the quote from Beacon Athletics in the amount of \$632 to purchase line-marking equipment for the ball fields. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

f. Approval of the 2013 Meeting Dates

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the 2013 meeting dates. Ms. Workman supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (6 yes votes)

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported that Tractor Supply Plus was given final approval at last meeting and the township has required them to construct the 8 ft. pathway along their frontage to Maple Heights Drive.

There was a Change Order from the Bloomer Park project for trees that had to be removed due to safety concerns with leaning.

Communications:

a. Commissioner Comments

Ms. Voorheis indicated she spoke with the Township Supervisor about the Movie in the Park program and there was some discussion about having an old fashioned drive-in movie at Fisk Farm. She will discuss this with the Historical Society this week.

Ms. Erlich distributed a prepared suggestion for a photo contest for school-aged kids that could raise awareness of the township parks. The Arts Council would have an awards ceremony at the end of the contest with the winning child of each school being awarded a plaque with their name and their school name to be posted in a park of their choice. She feels this would encourage school pride and community involvement. She didn't know if there would be time to get this going this year, but it could be something to consider next year.

Ms. Erlich also prepared a compilation of votes from the visioning session. She presented her personal vision for a community center.

Ms. Dehart referenced the Teggerdine Trail and thought the committee previously supported through a motion to recommend approval to the Township Board to pay for the engineering drawings. Mr. Iacoangeli thought this happened before the election and never made it to the Board. He will look into this and bring it back to the next meeting.

Next meeting dates:

- Regular meeting – April 23, 2013

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.