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## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Special Meeting  
7525 Highland Road  
White Lake, MI 48383  
September 13, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Secretary Deren called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Ms. Carlock, Ms. Dehart and Ms. Shiloff were absent.

ROLL CALL: Steve Anderson  
Merrie Carlock, Vice Chairperson - **Absent**  
Debby Dehart - **Absent**  
Deb Deren, Secretary  
David Lewsley, Board Liaison  
Jean Shiloff - **Absent**  
Andrea Voorheis

Also Present: Greg Baroni, Township Supervisor  
Terry Lilley, Township Clerk  
Jason Iacoangeli, Staff Planner  
Lynn Lindon, Recording Secretary

Visitors: 0

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Anderson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of August 23, 2011 meeting

Ms. Shiloff moved to table the minutes of August 23, 2011. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)

#### CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Deren opened the discussion for public comment, but none was offered.

## **New Business:**

### a. White Lake Road Park (Hidden Pines)

Mr. Iacoangeli gave a brief overview of the public visioning session that took place on September 7 and explained the voting process of how the figures were tabulated.

The two main concerns that resulted from that session related to landscaping and not having a fire station at that location.

Discussion continued with regard to a fire station at that location. Mr. Lilley stated there were concerns at the board level with why the existing station at Ormond Road was not manned. While future expansion and living quarters are being considered at the Ormond Road fire station, the board felt the possibility of investing in the Hidden Pines Park site would be more conducive. Mr. Baroni added that they have stressed to the residents that a fire station at Hidden Pines could happen in the very distant future.

Mr. Anderson questioned whether the public was shown any plans for the park. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated there weren't any formal plans to review, but the majority of the public was excited and provided positive feedback and suggestions on how to enhance the park.

The idea from the township administration is to create/enhance the ball fields in order to show the public how their money is being spent.

Ms. Deren felt the millage update would be to show improvement, but she also thought the millage funds were more for pathways.

Mr. Lewsley stated that he looked at the Master Plan and trailways are being emphasized. In terms of trails and pathways, this is still a priority. The township is working on getting an MDOT grant to pay 70/30% of the pathway along M-59 and MDOT is helping with the grant writing process as well.

The Township Board would like to move forward with a temporary parking facility and ball park at Hidden Pines through a Phase I process, and wants to give the Parks & Rec Committee authority to have a plan done for Phase II of the park, which would include pathways, play structures, and other enhancements.

Mr. Lilley reported the Hidden Pines estimate for Phase I is \$100,000 inclusive of fencing, grading, the infield material, and landscaping for the entire park. Mr. Baroni, Mr. Iacoangeli and Mr. Martinko visited the park to discuss landscaping. They are proposing 41 mature evergreen type trees with 3 species in order to provide a dense buffer, which is consistent with what already exists on a portion of the property.

Mr. Anderson was concerned with not having a consistent plan for the overall park. The township has started enhancements on other parks in the past and have recently had to go back and fix areas. He wants to make sure the future of the park is planned out well.

It was noted that a survey company was used to place the field on the property to allow other uses to go in there. The intent is to complete the field and parking now and then develop a plan at the Parks & Rec level for enhancements at a later date. There are time constraints due to getting the field in quickly so it will be ready for use next spring.

Mr. Anderson suggested having the contractor for Bloomer Park draw up a proposed plan for Hidden Pines, but Mr. Iacoangeli didn't think this could be done within the next few weeks. Mr. Baroni added that now is the time to plant trees. Any delay would force the project out until spring. Mr. Iacoangeli will call Beckett and Raider to see if they can put something together in the short time frame with regard to the ball diamond, placement, and grading.

Ms. Voorheis moved with reservations to recommend to the township board to proceed with the installation of the ball diamond and temporary parking lot at Hidden Pines, contingent upon a professional plan being done for the enhancement of the overall park, based on the public visioning session dated September 7, 2011. Ms. Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote.

b. Vetter Park Update

Mr. Iacoangeli reviewed the redevelopment costs for Vetter Park. The contract prices locked in at this point total \$104,116.54, including grading, infield material, fencing, the pavilion, garage door, and concession window. There is another \$40,110 remaining in estimates for concrete, dugouts, bleachers, hydro seed, the pavilion and concrete. He noted that the numbers are staying consistent within the range projected.

Mr. Anderson would like to see the fee schedule structure revisited. Now that we are upgrading the parks, the fees need to be raised appropriately. He would also like to look at park regulations and make sure the township is in line.

**Other Business:**

a. Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli had nothing further to add.

**Communications:**

a. Liaison Reports

Mr. Lewsley stated there have been issues with the Township Board receiving information and recommendations from the Parks & Rec in a timely manner due to the fact that the Parks & Rec committee meets 1 week after the Township Board meeting. He recommended meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1 week before the board meetings. This change can be made at the beginning of the year when the meeting schedule is published.

b. Committee Member Comments

None offered.

c. Next Meeting Date: Regular meeting of September 27, 2011

**Adjournment**

Ms. Deren moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Anderson supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (4 yes votes)