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MINUTES

WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
March 23, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Robinson called the regular meeting of the White Lake Township Parks & Recreation to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Birkle, Ms. Carlock, Ms. Deren, and Mr. Sweeney were absent.

ROLL CALL: Steve Anderson - **Absent**
Todd Birkle, Board Liaison - **Absent**
Merrie Carlock, Vice Chairperson - **Absent**
Debby Dehart
Deb Deren, Secretary - **Absent**
Shirley Kowalski
Caryn Robinson, Chairperson
Jean Shiloff
Bill Sweeney - **Absent**
Andrea Voorheis

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

Visitors: 0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of February 23, 2010 meeting

Ms. Voorheis moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2010 as presented. Ms. Dehart supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Ms. Robinson opened the discussion to the public for comments on items not listed on the agenda, but none was offered.

Financial Review for January & February

Ms. Robinson stated she talked with Mr. Anderson (who is absent this evening) and he felt the reports for January and February were acceptable.

New Business:

- a. Contract Review for Summer Movies in the Park
 - Discussion of Business Sponsorship
 - Partnership with Local Food Closet/Charity

Mr. Iacoangeli reported he has locked in June 19 and August 21 for 2010. They are requiring a \$400 deposit with the balance of \$1,000 being paid after the moving is shown. He cautioned that if the weather looks bad on the day of the event, Great Outdoor Movies must be called and canceled before they travel to White Lake or they will keep the \$400 deposit.

The discussion continued with regard to business sponsorship. The idea is to buy 1 advertisement @ \$100, which would include advertising at both movies. The goal is for each committee member to bring in one sponsor and to approach the Board to bring in one sponsor as well. The ads will run on a continuous Powerpoint presentation prior to the moving starting. Ms. Dehart suggested putting something on the website now to let people know about this and also to create a registration form with pertinent information. Mr. Iacoangeli will follow up on this and come up with a form detailing movie nights, an explanation of how the advertising will work, and email/phone information for Jason. A deadline of May 14 was set to have all sponsors in. There was also discussion on donating to a local food bank, possibly Highland Township. If this happens, perhaps they could put up a sign encouraging people to bring a can of food to the movies.

Ms. Shiloff asked about Girl Scouts or another group selling popcorn, but this was previously discussed and the issue of food permits came up. It was determined to continue again having people bring their own snacks.

With regard to parking, Kohls agreed to allow excess parking last year, but it wasn't used. Mr. Iacoangeli didn't see a problem obtaining permission from Kohls again this year.

Options with advertising include the Spinal Column, the township website, and the board out front of the township hall. This could also be put on the community calendar and at state park entrances and campgrounds.

Ms. Robinson moved to recommend to the Township Board to accept the 2 contract agreements for the dates of June 19 and August 21 with Great Outdoor Movies in the total amount of \$2,800 to come out of the proper budget line item. Ms. Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)

- b. Draft M-59 Shared Use Pathway Plan Review / Cost Opinion

Ms. Robinson noted there was a recent article in the Spinal Column addressing this project. She would like to see the Parks & Rec committee participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. She asked what the timeline was for the project. Mr. Iacoangeli indicated construction could start in July 2010 with an October completion.

Mr. Iacoangeli reviewed a graphic presentation reflecting Johnson & Anderson's 10 ft. pathway plan. He noted there is a plan for uniformity and one benefit is green space between the pathway and shoulder. He distributed copies of a breakdown of the plan into sections. There are problems along the path with topography and it is challenging to comply with ADA requirements in those sections. The projected cost of the total project is \$210,000 total, not including easements or taxes. We currently have \$147,000

towards the \$210,000 and the remainder would have to come out of the budget. We may be able to go for a grant.

Ms. Kowalski asked how the township felt about all it and Mr. Iacoangeli stated the consensus of the Board was to build it. The Ordinance requires anyone building on M-59 has to put in a pathway and the ordinance will be amended to require a 10 ft. pathway.

At this time, the Board wants J&A to go out for bid.

c. Park Signs

Mr. Iacoangeli indicated the committee had previously talked about signs for rules and questioned whether there was direction from the committee to pursue quotes. It was decided to obtain quotes for (3) rules signs and a directional sign for the front of the township hall. There might be an opportunity for a wayfinding grant or government discount and Mr. Iacoangeli will look into this.

Other Business:

Ms. Robinson asked for a status on the ball fields at Vetter Park. Mr. Iacoangeli stated he is compiling information now to reflect revenues versus expenditures. He noted that both fields are rented for the season and St. Pat's is the biggest sponsor. The decision to irrigate the fields is still up for consideration. He talked to Tropical Irrigation, who will be ready to proceed if and/or when the township is ready.

Ms. Kowalski asked about basketball court and felt the township needs to make it usable. Mr. Iacoangeli will talk to Ole Anderson. He added there have been inquiries about getting benches for the park. Marge Loula and the beautification committee may have more information and he will check into this.

Staff Report

Mr. Iacoangeli reported there would be an expense on the next financial report for Washington Ball Mix, or Diamond Dust that was purchased by the maintenance department.

Next meeting date:

Regular Meeting of April 20, 2010

Adjournment

Ms. Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Voorheis supported and the motion carried with a voice vote. (5 yes votes)