Superior Township Park Commission Regular Meeting March 23, 2015

Adopted Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Marion Morris at 6:38 pm.

II. Roll Call

Park Commissioners present: Marion Morris, Terry Lee Lansing, Martha Kern-Boprie, Sandi Lopez, Mirada Jenkins

Park Commissioners absent: Jan Berry, Uva Wilbanks

Others present: Keith Lockie, Park Administrator; David Buterbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor; Patrick Pigott, Recreation Coordinator; David Flanagan, Oakbrook Sports LLC; Ken Schwartz, Township Supervisor; Tom Brennan

III. Flag Salute

Commissioner Marion Morris led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

IV. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion carried.

V. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. February 23, 2015

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve the minutes of 2/23/15 with additional text to New Business B. 2015 Recreation Events. The date of the Kickball Event is 8/15/15 and this date should be inserted in the column headed "Date". The motion carried.

VI. Citizen Participation

David Flanagan, director of Oakbrook Sports LLC was introduced to the Park Commissioners. Mr. Flanagan has conducted this weekly summer sports program for children in Oakbrook Park for several years. Commissioners complimented him on the excellent programs he provides, and asked how many children participate. Mr. Flanagan responded that approximately 70 children participate each week. Younger children play soccer and T-ball. He also thanked the Park Commission for contributing \$100 toward recreation supplies for the program.

VII. Board Liaison Report

Trustee Alex Williams submitted a written report on the 3/16/15 Township Board Meeting. Supervisor's Report:

LED streetlights installed on Harvest Lane, a grant is possible for Dixboro branding (signs, AAATA buses, etc), Sycamore Meadows problems getting the attention of HUD, Senator's & Governor's offices; 2014 Financial Audit conducted and appears clean; Redwood company may take over Phase 2 of Bromley Park.

John Langs resigned from the Wetlands Board, as he no longer lives in Superior Twp. A parcel on Plymouth Road across from Vreeland was re-zoned to residential from commercial. Bill Fishbeck applied for the PA 116 program for a parcel he farms on Joy Road.

An update on the information system was provided by David Donahue of Parhelion. Thin client installed, fire-walls installed, login access for most people from any township building to any township software, some people have remote logins as well. Telephones are working better, but still have some issues.

Sandi Lopez brought her concerns about natural gas drilling and possibly fracking to the township board and requested the board consider sending a message to Lansing to advocating passage of HB 4237 which would allow townships some control over authorizing natural gas extraction.

From the Annual Meeting with the County Road Commission:
Suggested 2014 Improvements
Warren Road, between Vorhies and pavement (Dixboro Road?)
Overbrook Drive, between Dixboro and Rolling Ridge Court
Short Street
Church Street – between Short Street and Plymouth Road
Vorhies Road, between Plymouth Road and M14
Stamford

County has committed to the following projects in 2014
Superior Road – mill and resurface
Harris Road (MacArthur to Geddes) – mill and resurface
MacArthur (Clark to Harris) – mill and resurface
Curtis Road – mill and resurface
Curtis & Plymouth intersection – add left turn lane, flashing light
Ford & Plymouth intersection – improve intersection, add traffic signal

VIII. Park Reports

A. Chairperson – No report

B. Administrator

Keith Lockie submitted a written report. The 2014 financial audit occurred the week of March 2. Results will be presented to the Township Board at their May 18 meeting.

Park Commissioners discussed the following 2015 potential park improvements at the January commission meeting:

Fireman's Park Pavillion North Prospect Park Improvements CHNP Boardwalk Continuation Schroeter Park Fencing Schroeter Park Boardwalks

C. Board Meeting Attendees

Sandi Lopez commented that Alex Williams' report was thorough

D. Park Steward – no report

E. Safety

David Buterbaugh reported there have been no accidents or injuries in the past month.

IX. Communications

- A. 2015 Events Flyer
- B. Fireman's Park Pavillion Bid #1
- C. Fireman's Park Pavillion Bid #2

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the communications. The motion carried.

X. Old Business

A. 2015 Park Improvement Projects – deferred to the April 27 Park Commission meeting.

B. Fireman's Park Pavilion

Two bids were received to construct a pavilion in Fireman's Park, from Mark Barrett Building Company and Charlestown Building Company. Commissioners asked David Buterbaugh if he had a preference. He responded that both bidders will probably do a very good job. The cost of the Charlestown Building Company bid is significantly higher than that of Mark Barrett Building Company. The cost of added features to the initial bids were included, to make the bids comparable. Those features were 26 gauge steel for the roof and site prep. With those features included the bid prices were:

Mark Barrett Building Company \$16,850 Charlestown Building Company \$31,093

David Buterbaugh informed commissioners that the bid by Mark Barrett does not include painting/staining of the structure. David estimates the cost to have park staff perform this work is approximately \$1,500.

Commissioners discussed the two bids, and reached a consensus to select the lower cost bid. Keith Lockie suggested authorizing a 10% contingency above the bid price to cover unanticipated expenses. 10% of \$16,850 equals \$1,685.

\$16,850 bid

\$ 1,685 10% continency

\$18,535

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Sandi Lopez to award the bid from mark Barrett Building Company for construction of a pavilion in Fireman's Park with a 26 gauge steel roof and site prep for the following amount:

\$16,850.00 bid amount

\$ 1,650.00 10% contingency

\$18.535.00

A roll call vote was taken on the motion:

Jan Berry absent
Marion Morris Yes
Sandi Lopez Yes
Uva Wilbanks absent
Martha Kern-Boprie Yes
Mirada Jenkins Yes
Terry Lee Lansing Yes

The motion carried.

C. Easter Egg Hunt

The first recreation event of the year is the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 am in Fireman's Park. Park Commissioners that volunteered to help are Martha Kern-Boprie, Jan Berry and Terry Lee Lansing. It will help if volunteers can arrive by 10:00 am to set up the event.

XI. New Business

XII. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Marion Morris to payment of the bills totaling \$9,441.85. The motion carried.

XIII. Financial Statements

A. February 28, 2015

It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Sandi Lopez to receive the 2/28/2015 financial statements. The motion carried.

XIV. Pleas and Petitions

Sandi Lopez informed the park commission that some township residents have been approached by Savoy Energy Company with an offer to purchase their mineral rights. These residents opposed selling their mineral, oil and gas rights, but are concerned there is some legal precedent that may allow companies to obtain these rights under a concept known as "pooling". Sandi encouraged the park commission to adopt a statement opposing sale or lease of any oil and gas or other mineral rights on park lands. Sandi also informed commissioners that Michigan House Bill 4237 will help address many of these concerns, and she asked that the park commission adopt a statement in support of that legislation. Commissioners discussed this among themselves and with Supervisor Ken Schwartz. As the Township Board is the body with authority to sell or lease any township owned property, park commissioners decided to adopt a resolution conveying their opinion to the township board.

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Sandi Lopez to encourage the Superior Township Board to support passage of Michigan House Bill 4237, and to decline to sell or lease oil, gas and other mineral rights on any township owned properties.

Marion Morris

Mirada Jenkins

Sandi Lopez

Terry Lee Lansing

Martha Kern-Boprie

Jan Berry

Uva Wilbanks

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Absent

Absent

The motion carried.

XV. Adjournment

It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Mirada Jenkins to adjourn at 7:12 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,

Martha Kern-Boprie, Park Commissioner and Secretary