



PARKS & RECREATION

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – March 30, 2009

Old Township Hall

7:00 p.m.

PROPOSED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Superior Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 30, 2009 at Old Township Hall.

2) ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Lansing, Boprie, Wilbanks, Berry, Morris, Allen, Hillman

ABSENT:

STAFF: Keith Lockie

3) FLAG SALUTE:

The flag salute was led by Berry.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Wilbanks supported by Morris that the agenda be approved.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 23, 2009

It was moved by Wilbanks, supported by Morris, that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2009 be accepted as corrected. The minutes were corrected and accepted.

6) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Public hearing regarding ADA Compliant boardwalk installation at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve was opened by Chair Berry. Park Steward John Copley reported that the last grant was turned down due to limited handicap accessibility, no handicap parking and because the project was overall too small. Phase 1 of the new proposal would include a handicap accessible boardwalk with viewing stations and handicap parking spaces. Mary Statt from The Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living presented a letter to the Board and Berry read that and several other letters from parties applauding the idea of handicap accessible area in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve. It was moved by Kern-Boprie, seconded by Morris to close the public hearing. The motion carried and the public hearing was closed at 7:35.

Ellen Kurath presented a diagram about native species plantings in North Prospect Park. Kurath was thanked by the Commission for her involvement in parks.

7) TOWNSHIP LIAISON

Liaison Williams reported that Ellen Kurath had asked about repairing ruts in North Prospect Park. He also stated that the Board had talked a lot about the upcoming Green Fair at Fireman's Park.

8) REPORTS

A. Chairperson:

Berry emphasized the need for the Public Hearing at the beginning of our meeting in order to meet time constraints.

B. Administrator:

Lockie reported that he had hired a new staff for the maintenance crew. The new employee's name is Pat Pigott.

C. Board Meeting Attendees:

Kern-Boprie presented notes for the March 2, 2009 meeting that she attended. Morris moved, supported by Hillman, to accept the Reports. The motion carried.

9) COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Berry added all of the letters regarding the ADA compliant boardwalk at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve to the communications.

Kern-Boprie moved, supported by Lansing, to accept the Communications. The motion carried.

10.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Kern-Boprie presented the sub-committee's report about summer programs and agreed to e-mail the dates and corresponding activities to Lockie. The three programs suggested were bike safety, kites and rockets, and sports.

10.) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Morris proposed, "Whereas Cherry Hill Nature Preserve is a park that is enjoyed by a large number of citizens from Superior Township and surrounding communities, and whereas the park currently has limitations of accessibility, making visits by some citizens difficult, if not impossible, I therefore move that Superior Township Parks Commission submit a grant application for a project to the State of Michigan requesting \$56,804.00 supplemented by \$38,200.00 in funding and in-kind supplies and labor, with which to complete Phase One of the proposed plan, which will include creating a parking lot and boardwalk providing greater accessibility to Cherry Hill Nature Preserve."

Kern-Boprie moved, supported by Wilbanks. Motion passed.

12) BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Wilbanks moved, supported by Morris, to pay the bills totaling \$1,563.49. The motion carried unanimously.

13) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Morris moved, supported by Wilbanks, to accept the February, 2009 financial statements. The motion carried unanimously.

14) PLEAS AND PETITIONS –

None

15) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Wilbanks supported by Lansing that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Allen, Secretary