

Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
March 27, 2017

Adopted Minutes

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Marion Morris at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Park Commissioners present: Marion Morris, Paula Jefferson, Sandi Lopez, Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Terry Lee Lansing, Martha Kern-Boprie, Bernedia Word

Park Commissioners absent: none

Others present: Trustee Alex Williams; Juan Bradford, Park Administrator; David Buterbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor; Patrick Pigott, Recreation Coordinator
- III. Flag Salute
Chair Marion Morris led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. Agenda Approval
It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Sandi Lopez to approve the agenda, with correction to item 8.B. which should be listed as "2017-2021 Parks, Recreation & Opens Space Plan" rather than "2017-2012 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan" as currently noted. The motion carried.
- V. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
 - A. February 27, 2017
It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Sandi Lopez to approve the minutes of 2/27/17 with the following correction: Reports B. Administrator In the second sentence, which presently begins "He add that the Michigan...: add the letters "ed" to "add" so that it reads "He added that the Michigan...". The motion carried.
- VI. Citizen Participation – none
- VII. Reports
 - A. Chairperson
Chair Marion Morris met with Juan Bradford, Park Administrator frequently during the past month. She met with Carla Bisaro of the Committee to Promote Superior Township about cost associated with adding an ice carver to the Christmas Tree Lighting event in December. Blocks of ice cost \$42.00 each. Carla will investigate other costs. Rick Collman, the new township Park Steward fills two roles, one as a member of the Superior Land Preservation Society (SLPS) and the other as steward to the Park Commission. He will attend monthly SLPS meetings, and will submit written reports to the Park Commission. He will not attend Park Commission meetings unless his presence is absolutely necessary.
 - B. Administrator
Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He provided some additional information on purchase of the van. The van is a 2016 vehicle that is only about 11 months old, and had 20,000 miles on it. It can carry 12 passengers. The van was purchased for \$23,200. Juan noted that used vehicles of similar capacity, age and mileage turn over quickly. The bird watching class suggested by Sandi Lopez will take place over two Saturdays in June. On June 17 an indoor class will take place

from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Township Hall. On June 24 an outdoor class will take place from 9:00 – 11:00 am, probably in LeFurge Woods Preserve.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Alex Williams reported that Fairfax Manor debt will be auctioned 4/19/17. The purchaser of the debt will receive the facility. Likely bidders indicate they plan to operate a memory care facility on the site. Plans are advancing to extend the non-motorized path from Geddes Road south to Berkshire.

Dead trees were removed from Panama Avenue. Many new houses are under construction. This will raise township wide tax base. The township has a goal of building out land presently zoned for residential development before rezoning additional land.

The Road Commission will replace the Cherry Hill culvert as well as the Geddes Road culvert between Prospect and LeForge Roads.

Don Staebler died two weeks ago, at 106 years of age. Ownership of Staebler Farm Park has transferred to Washtenaw County. Plans are underway to use Staebler Farm Park as a folk arts school.

Dixboro Village Green is applying for another CTAP grant to build a pavilion. Ypsilanti District Library – Superior branch received a “face lift” and an additional computer for public use. The Township Board will hold a work session 4/04/17 on the SAW grant report. The board authorized purchase of software licenses by the Utility Department which should increase efficiency. The Utility Department rented an envelope stuffer/sealer.

D. Board Meeting Attendees

Sandi Lopez attended the March Township Board meeting. She reported that another mini free library has been installed on Vreeland Road near the intersection with Hickman Road.

E. Park Steward – Rick Collman submitted a written report on conditions in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve and Schroeter Park during March.

F. Safety

There were no accidents or injuries during the past month.

VIII. Communications

- A. Educational Information: Wild & Wonderful – Making a Case for Undeveloped Open Spaces
- B. 2017-2021 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan
- C. Superior Land Preservation Society Thank You Letter
- D. 2017 Special Events Flyer
- E. Easter Egg Hunt Flyer

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the Communications. The motion carried.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

A. Dixboro Farmers Market Attendance

Park Commissioners agreed to staff a table at the Dixboro Farmers Market from 3:00 – 7:00 pm on the following dates:

Friday	May 26, 2017	Martha Kern-Boprie
Friday	June 30, 2017	Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
Friday	July 28, 2017	Marion Morris

Information about township parks and recreation programs will be provided. Martha suggested educational games or quizzes about nature could be an effective way to capture the interest of children.

