

Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
February 26, 2018

Adopted Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marion Morris at 6:30 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Park Commissioners present: Marion Morris, Bernedia Word, Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Paula Jefferson, Sandi Lopez, Terry Lee Lansing, Martha Kern-Boprie  
  
Park Commissioners absent: none  
  
Others present: Juan Bradford, Park Administrator; Trustee Alex Williams; 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 Terry Lee Lansing to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business C. 2018 Building Rental to Superior Land Preservation Society. The motion carried.
- V. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
  - A. January 22, 2018  
It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Paula Jefferson to approve the minutes of 1/22/18 with the following corrections:  
Reports: Chairperson – first sentence, correct spelling of “Clerk Findlay” to “Clerk Findley”.  
Township Board Attendees 1. Paula Jefferson’s report – Fourth sentence presently reads “...70% of the cost during the first year, and decrease i the following years...” Correct this to read “...70% of the cost during the first two years, and decrease in the final year.” Sixth sentence presently reads “...noted that the Superior Land Preservation Society (SLPS) will hold its...” Correct this to read “...noted that the Committee of the SouthEast Michigan Land Conservancy will hold its...”  
Township Board Attendees 2. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai’s report – Eleventh sentence presently reads “Assistance can include \$25.00 toward a water bill.” Correct this to read “Assistance can be provided toward paying a water bill.”  
Bills for Payment presently reads “It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve payment of the bills totaling \$18,935.23.” Correct this to read “It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to approve payment of the bills totaling \$18,935.23.”  
The motion carried.
- VI. Citizen Participation – none
- VII. Reports
  - A. Chairperson  
Chair Marion Morris spoke about meeting protocol. She asked Park Commissioners to let others speak without interruption. Commissioners that wish to discuss issues that are not on the original agenda should either request to add these items to the agenda during Agenda Approval, or wait to the Pleas and Petition part of the agenda to discuss them.

- B. Administrator's Report  
Juan Bradford submitted a written report. Juan asked if commissioners had any questions or comments. Martha Kern-Boprie noted she especially liked the article on healthy eating for senior citizens. She commented that cooking from scratch is often both healthier and more economical, and asked if the Park Commission could collaborate with organizations that help provide food, such as Food Gatherers, to teach people how to cook from scratch, and incorporate healthier foods into their diets. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai also spoke in support of nutrition education. Juan said he would look into opportunities of this nature.
- C. Township Board Liaison  
Trustee Alex Williams was out of town, and did not attend the January Township Board meeting.
- D. Township Board Attendee  
Martha Kern-Boprie attended the January 22 Township Board meeting, and submitted a written report.
- E. Park Steward – No report.
- F. Safety Report  
There were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

VIII. Communications

- A. Educational Info: Healthy Eating for Healthy Aging
- B. Letter from mParks: Membership Thank You
- C. Township Board meeting Attendee List
- D. Superior Scenes Newsletter

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the Communications. The motion carried.

IX. Old Business – none

X. New Business

- A. Crosswalk Resolution

Martha Kern-Boprie moved and Sandi Lopez supported the following resolution:  
WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Charter Township of Superior, and

WHEREAS the Parks & Recreation Commission has made, and will continue to make capital improvements to Fireman's Park located at the corner of Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard to increase use of the park by neighborhood youth; and

WHEREAS the Superior Township branch of the Ypsilanti District Library is located at the same property;

WHEREAS; both Fireman's Park and the library are visited by many neighborhood youths and adults that walk to the location; and

WHEREAS ensuring the safety of our residents as well as all people that visit and use our parks is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS having a signaled cross walk at the corner of Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard would help insure that safety by assisting all pedestrians to safely cross the street; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission request that the Superior Township Board of Trustees install a signaled crosswalk at the corner of Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard on both Harris Road and MacArthur Boulevard.

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Marion Morris	X			
Paula Jefferson	X			
Terry Lee Lansing	X			
Nahid Sanii-Yahyai	X			
Bernedia Word	X			
Sandi Lopez	X			
Martha Kern-Boprie	X			

The motion carried.

B. Easter Egg Hunt Sign-Up

The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled on Saturday, March 24 at Fireman's Park at 11:00 am. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Marion Morris and Bernedia Word volunteered to help with this event. Volunteers should arrive by 10:30 am to set up the event.

C. 2018 Building Rental by Superior Land Preservation Society (SLPS)

The Superior Land Preservation Society (SLPS) has asked to hold their monthly meetings in the Old Township Hall again in 2018, as they have done for several years. SLPS pays annual rent of \$100.00 to the Park Fund. The meetings are ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday evenings and last approximately one hour. It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to authorize Superior Land Preservation Society to hold monthly meetings in the Old Township Hall for annual rent of \$100.00. The motion carried.

XI. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Marion Morris to approve payment of the bills totaling \$15,347.68. The motion carried.

XII. Financial Statements

A. January 31, 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Report

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Paula Jefferson to receive the January 2018 Revenue and Expenditure Report. The motion carried.

XIII. Pleas and Petitions

Martha Kern-Boprie suggested planning outdoor snow activities, such as snow sculptures, in a future year. Given that snowy weather is difficult to predict, this could be an event with indoor/outdoor options.

Marion Morris suggested seasonal nature studies, such as owl observation during winter months. This could be especially effective in the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve.

Bernedia Word suggested that her company would like to sponsor kickball teams, by providing t-shirts to the participating children. The t-shirts would have a logo on them, and children could keep their t-shirt.

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai commented it would be good to have a group photo of the Park Commission. Discussion ensued about the merits of publish such a photo in the Township Newsletter. There was informal agreement to take a group photo at the March Park Commission meeting.

Approved by Superior Charter Township Park Commission on 3/26/2018.

XIV. Adjournment

It was moved by Nahid Sani-Yahyai and supported by Marion Morris to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Martha Kern-Boprie, Park Commissioner and Secretary