

Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
July 22, 2019

ADOPTED Minutes

1. Call to Order
Chair Paula Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. Roll Call
Park Commissioners present: Paula Jefferson, Marion Morris, Bernedia Word, Sandi Lopez, Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Martha Kern-Boprie

Park Commissioners absent: Terry Lee Lansing

Others present: Trustee Alex Williams, Juan Bradford, Park Administrator; Patrick Pigott, Recreation Coordinator; Ellen Kurath
3. Flag Salute
Chair Paula Jefferson led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Agenda Approval
It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion carried.
5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
 - A. June 24, 2019
It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to approve the minutes of 6/24/19 as presented. The motion carried.
6. Citizen Participation
Ellen Kurath addressed the Park Commission about the presence of invasive plants she noted during recent visits to township parks, particularly Schroeter and Schock parks.
Schroeter Park: "Stick-Tites" are not present now. Garlic Mustard presence has decreased. "Stick-Tites" are a biennial plant, and may be more present next year.
Schock Park: "Wild Parsnip" is present and expanding. This plant is extremely irritating to the skin, and may cause painful blisters that take a year or more to heal. Ellen is noting locations where Wild Parsnip is found. Ellen, park commissioners and staff discussed methods to decrease the presence of Wild Parsnip, in particular herbicide versus cutting and bagging plants. While working around this plant, be sure to completely cover all skin that may contact the plant. After working around Wild Parsnip, be sure to wash all skin, clothing, tools and equipment contacted by Wild Parsnip plants.
7. Reports
 - A. Chairperson
Chair Paula Jefferson commented that the movie night in Dixboro Green on July 13 went well. Approximately 75 people attended, which was good for the first time this event was held in Dixboro.
 - B. Administrator
Juan Bradford submitted a written report. Marion Morris requested that decisions about trees to plant in Schock Park be placed on the August Park Commission agenda.

- C. Township Board Liaison
Trustee Alex Williams reported on the July 15 township board meeting. Ellen Kurath provided history on the Clark Road Pump Station. SEMCOG dues were paid, and water rates for Superior Township customers of the Ann Arbor water system were amended. The entire meeting lasted six minutes.
- D. Board Meeting Attendee
Martha Kern-Boprie was assigned to attend the 7/15/19 meeting, and forgot to attend. Sandi Lopez was present, and had nothing to add to Trustee Williams' report.
- E. Park Steward
No report.
- F. Safety
There were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

8. Communications

- A. Educational: Invasive Species Alert – Wild Parsnip
- B. Fireman's Park Rental
- C. Movies in the Park flyer

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Bernedia Word to receive the communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

- A. Movies on the Green wrap-up
The event went well. The movie was a bit longer than some expected, and ended around 11:30 pm. The United Methodist Church in Dixboro provided fresh popcorn and cold water for free to all attendees. A taco truck and flavored ice truck were also on site, selling their wares.
- B. Movies in the Park
The next movie night is scheduled on August 10 in Oakbrook Park. The Lego Movie 2 will be screened. Games start at 8:00 pm and the movie will screen at 9:00 pm.

10. New Business

A. Special Event Sign-Up: August – December 2019

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Commissioners</u> |
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| Movie Night | 8/10/19 8:00 – 11:00 pm | Oakbrook Park | Paula Jefferson Bernedia Word Nahid Sanii-Yahyai Marion Morris |
| Family Kickball | 9/14/19 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | Oakbrook Park | Martha Kern-Boprie Nahid Sanii-Yahyai Paula Jefferson |
| Pumpkin Carving/ Arts & Crafts | 10/19/19 11:00 am – 2:00 pm | Norfolk Park | Sandi Lopez Martha Kern-Boprie Nahid Sanii-Yahyai Marion Morris |
| Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa | 12/07/19 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Old Township Hall | Martha Kern-Boprie Sandi Lopez Marion Morris |

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
Bernedia Word
Paula Jefferson

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| Dixboro Farmers Market | Friday afternoons 3:00 – 7:00 pm | Location: Dixboro Green |
| 7/26/19 | | No Commissioner |
| 8/30/19 | | No Commissioner |
| 9/27/19 | | Nahid Sanii-Yahyai |
| 10/25/19 | Trunk or Treat | Bernedia Word & Terry Lee Lansing |

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Bernedia Word to approve payment of the bills totaling \$22,211.84. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

- A. June 2019 Revenue & Expenditure Report
- B. Kite & Rocket Day 2019 Expenditures

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Sandi Lopez to receive the June 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Report and the Kite & Rocket Day 2019 Expenditure Report. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Paula Jefferson reported that the Harvest Moon Block Party is planned for August 24 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in Harvest Moon Park. This is a block party for the Washtenaw Autumn subdivision composed of Harvest Lane, Wiard Road and connecting streets. Public officials, games and food will be present. The Parks Department will loan tents for this event, and staff will ensure Harvest Moon Park is clean and in good condition. Park Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Sandi Lopez made a plea to the Park Commission, asking to borrow township tables for a private event. Park Commissioners responded our policies do not permit this.

Sandi Lopez also informed Park Commissioners that Thornetta Davis will give a free concert on Friday, July 26 at 8:00 pm in Ypsilanti Community Schools Shadford Parking Lot.

Juan Bradford reported that a free grocery and produce give away will take place on July 25 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Ypsilanti High School.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to adjourn at 7:25 pm. The motion carried.

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