

Superior Charter Township Park Commission  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2020

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paula Jefferson at 6:36 pm.

2. Roll Call

Park Commissioners present: Paula Jefferson, Marion Morris, Bernedia Word, Terry Lee Lansing, Sandi Lopez, Martha Kern-Boprie

Park Commissioners absent: Nahid Sanii-Yahyai

Others present: Trustee Alex Williams, Juan Bradford, Park Administrator; David Buterbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor; Patrick Pigott, Recreation Coordinator

3. Flag Salute

Chair Jefferson led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Marion Morris to approve the agenda, with correction to the spelling of Item 8.D. Washtenaw County Conservation District Millage Question, and add New Business B. Donation to Boy Scouts of America for Garlic Mustard Removal. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. May 26, 2020

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve the minutes of 5/26/2020 with spelling corrections in 7.B Administrator's Report and 10.A. New Business Fireman's Park Play Structure Bid Approval. The motion carried.

6. Citizen Participation – none

7. Reports

A. Chairperson – no report

B. Administrator

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He expanded on that report with information that the play structure to be installed in Fireman's Park will not have a roof feature, and may have a side panel feature. Marion Morris asked Juan about Garlic Mustard removal from Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP). A boy scout troop from Ypsilanti will pursue this. Logan Miller, a member of the troop and candidate for Eagle Scout is leading the garlic mustard removal project.

C. Township Board Liaison

Trustee Alex Williams noted that Martha Kern-Boprie's report as board meeting attendee was accurate and thorough. Alex added that the township board is looking at budget constraint in 2021 due to decreased revenue. He also updated the township board on Schock Park discussions amongst Park Commissioners, and correspondence from the Park Commission.

D. Board Attendee

Martha Kern-Boprie attended the June 15 township board meeting, and submitted a written report to the Park Commission.

E. Park Steward – No report.

F. Safety

There were no accidents or injuries during the past month. However, during mowing and weed whipping in Schock Park, a stone was flipped up that broke a window in the park truck. The window was repaired by Butman Ford in two days. Ticks are present in the parks. Some park commissioners suggested posting warning notices about the ticks.

8. Communications

A. Educational: Parks are Essential During a Health Crisis

B. Governor’s Executive Order 2020-115 (June 5, 2020)

C. Oakbrook Park Reservation

D. Washtenaw County Conservation District Millage Question

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. Movies in the Park and on the Green

Park Commissioners reviewed and discussed a list of family movies for potential screening this summer. It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Bernedia Word to screen “Toy Story 4” in Oakbrook Park and “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves (1937 version) in the Dixboro Green. The motion carried.

B. Prescribed Burn in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve

Juan Bradford reported to the Park Commission that the prescribed burn took place on Sunday, May 31, and went well. Photographs of the burn in progress were provided to the Park Commission.

10. New Business

A. July 2020 Park & Recreation Month Resolution 2020-01

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Paula Jefferson that

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Charter Township of Superior; and

WHEREAS our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation programs increase a community’s economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Superior Parks & Recreation Commission recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Charter Township of Superior.

A roll call vote was taken on the resolution:

Jefferson	Yes
Morris	Yes
Kern-Boprie	Yes
Word	Yes
Lansing	Yes
Lopez	Yes
Sanii-Yahyai	Absent

The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

- B. Donation to Boy Scouts of America for Garlic Mustard Removal from CHNP  
Logan Miller is a boy scout, member of a troop in Ypsilanti and a candidate for Eagle Scout. As his Eagle Scout project he has offered to organize fellow troop members to assist with garlic mustard removal from Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP). It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Marion Morris to authorize a contribution to the Boy Scouts of America of up to \$300.00 for assistance with Garlic Mustard removal and directed to Logan Miller's Eagle Scout project. The exact amount will be determined after the project is complete. The motion carried.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve paying the bills for a total amount of \$16,746.00. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

A. May 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Report

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to receive the May 2020 Revenue and Expenditure Report. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Alex Williams recommended the Park Commission immediately post the resolution adopted tonight on the township website, and not wait for Township Board adoption of the resolution.

Bernedia Word informed the Park Commission and staff that she has located a vendor for kites for Kite & Rocket Day.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by

Martha Kern-Boprie, Park Commissioner and Secretary