

Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
November 23, 2020
Conducted via Zoom technology

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Marion Morris at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Park Commissioners present: Marion Morris, Terry Lee Lansing, Greg Vessels, Riley Schofield, Nahid Sani-Yahyai, Guy Conti, Martha Kern-Boprie

Park Commissioners absent: none

Others present: Juan Bradford, Park Administrator; Patrick Pigott, Recreation Coordinator

3. Flag Salute

Vice-Chair Marion Morris led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Juan Bradford read rules governing public meetings held virtually via electronic platforms.

4. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Nahid Sani-Yahyai and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. October 26, 2020

It was moved by Nahid Sani-Yahyai and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve the minutes of 10/26/20 as drafted. Guy Conti requested a roll call vote.

Marion Morris	Yes	
Nahid Sani-Yahyai	Yes	
Terry Lee Lansing	Yes	
Martha Kern-Boprie	Yes	
Riley Schofield	Yes	
Guy Conti		Abstain
Greg Vessels	Yes	

The motion carried.

6. Citizen Participation – none

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Marion Morris reported that Paula Jefferson (Park Commission chair through 11/20/20), Juan Bradford and she met regarding financial matters. She will provide more updates on these matters in time. Marion encouraged the new park commissioners to read the five year Parks and Open Space Plan.

- B. Administrator
Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He also noted that three positive COVID-19 diagnoses have been reported in the Utility Department building. Staff will decorate the township tree with Christmas lights, but there will be no event planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - C. Township Board Liaison – The township board has not appointed a liaison to the Park Commission yet.
 - D. Township Board Meeting Attendee – Martha Kern-Boprie attended the 11/16/20 Township Board meeting, and submitted a written report.
 - E. Park Steward – Rick Collman did not submit a report. Ellen Kurath has indicated interest in serving as Steward for Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP).
 - F. Safety – Patrick Pigott reported there have been no accidents or injuries in the past month.
8. Communications
- A. Educational: Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1108; Open Meetings Act
It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahhai and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the Communications. The motion carried.
9. Old Business
- A. Schock Park Memo
 - 1. Martha Kern-Boprie email
 - 2. Feb 24, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes
 - 3. Schock Park Memo: Draft #1
 - 4. Schock Park Memo: Draft #2Marion Morris reported that she will meet with Township Supervisor Ken Schwartz to clarify the current township board's intentions concerning Schock Park. Marion suggested the Park Commission table action on this issue until after she meets with Supervisor Schwartz. Guy Conti requested an overview of the history of this issue. Martha Kern-Boprie provided an outline of the history.
10. New Business
- A. Welcome new Park Commissioners
Marion Morris welcomed new Park Commissioners Riley Schofield, Greg Vessels and Guy Conti and asked them each to introduce themselves.

Guy Conti – moved into Superior Township 6/07/08. He and his wife have four dogs. He is an attorney with a practice that focuses on municipal law and bankruptcy.

Riley Schofield – moved into Superior Township 22 years ago as a small child. Her family owns Superior Stables and farm store. She is in college studying accounting.

Greg Vessels – moved into Superior Township in 2000. He works as a prosthetics technician for Michigan Medicine. He and his wife have children and grandchildren, and are especially fond of Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP).

Nahid Sanii-yahyai also welcomed the new park commissioners. Juan Bradford asked if all their paperwork was complete. This paperwork must be turned into the township for payroll purposes. Juan will ensure that Five Year Parks and Open Space Plans are available in the township hall lobby racks for each of the new commissioners, by Tuesday afternoon.

Approved by the Superior Charter Township Park Commission on 12/21/2020.

B. Election of Officers

Chairperson – Martha Kern-Boprie nominated Marion Morris as Chairperson. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai supported the nomination. Marion Morris was elected Chairperson on a unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairperson – Marion Morris nominated Nahid Sanii-Yahyai as Vice-Chairperson. Martha Kern-Boprie supported the nomination. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai was elected Vice-Chairperson on a unanimous vote.

Secretary – Marion Morris nominated Martha Kern-Boprie as Secretary. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai supported the nomination. Martha Kern-Boprie was elected Secretary on a unanimous vote.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Marion Morris to pay the bills for a total of \$54,595.55. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

A. October 2020 Revenue & Expenditure Report

B. October 2020 Balance Sheet

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to receive the October 2020 financial reports. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Guy Conti asked about the timeline for developing the next five year Parks and Open Space Plan, as he noted the current plan expires in 2021. Marion Morris responded that the current plan remains in effect through 2021, and development of the next plan will be a focus of the Park Commission during 2021.

14. Adjournment

Marion Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Submitted by Martha Kern-Boprie, Park Commissioner and Secretary