

Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
July 26, 2021

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marion Morris at 6:40 pm.

2. Roll Call

Park Commissioner present: Marion Morris, Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Martha Kern-Boprie, Terry Lee Lansing, Greg Vessels, Riley Schofield

Park Commissioners absent: Guy Conti

Others present: Trustee Bernice Lindke; Juan Bradford, Park Administrator; Patrick Pigott, Maintenance Supervisor/Recreation Coordinator; Angela Miller

3. Flag Salute

Vice-Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Agenda Approval

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

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. June 28, 2021

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to approve the minutes as drafted. The motion carried.

6. Citizen Participation – None

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Marion Morris noted that the zoom meetings went well, and better than expected, after everyone became familiar with the technology.

B. Administrator

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He added to it that a child was diagnosed with COVID-19 at the Summer Playground Camp in Superior Township. As a consequence, camp at this location is suspended for now. Juan also informed the Park Commission that work is beginning on the next Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan. This time the deadline to submit the fully approved Five Year Plan is 2/01/22. Juan recommends having a professional firm prepare the plan this time. It will enhance the quality of the plan. Carlisle-Wortman (C-W) is an experienced firm that prepares plans for many units of government, non-profit organizations, and firms. C-W is preparing the next update of the Superior Township Master Plan. Juan estimates the cost of having C-W prepare the Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan would be in the range of \$15,000. There may be some cost savings by contracting with C-W as much of the data they gather for the township Master Plan can be used on the Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan. After discussion, park commissioners asked Juan to request a presentation from C-W about preparation of the Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan at the August Park Commission meeting.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Bernice Lindke reported that the township board received a presentation from a township resident named Matt Shuster regarding work taking place on a adjacent parcel to his, and whether this work conformed with township zoning requirements. She and other board members were impressed with how well prepared and organized his presentation was. The audit for the fiscal year ended 12/31/2020 was presented to the board.

Resolutions to contract were approved:

- Wall Street Towing for parking in former party store lot on MacArthur near Harris
- Hart InterCivic for service and maintenance on scanners for elections
- Repayment agreement for Harris Road widening near new Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) branch
- Agreement to vacate and abandon a portion of Prospect Pointe Plat
- Agreement with Mayalco, LLC to swap some land for no cash consideration

The Township Board agreed to meet in public for all future board meetings.

- D. Board Meeting Attendee
Greg Vessels was scheduled to attend the July 19 township board meeting but forgot to attend. Juan Bradford attended and commented that Trustee Lindke gave a thorough report.
- E. Park Steward
Ellen Kurath submitted a written report containing much information about brown dog ticks and invasive plants in Schroeter Park.
- F. Safety
Patrick Pigott reported there were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

8. Communications

- A. Educational: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Parks & Recreation
- B. Movies in the Park flier
- C. Park Reservation: Washtenaw Promise
- D. Park Reservation: Ypsilanti Community Schools
- E. Park Reservation: D. Joseph

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the Communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business

- A. Volunteer Sign Up: Movies in the Park on August 14.
Marion Morris and Nahid Sanii-Yahyai volunteered to help at this event.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Greg Vessels to approve payment of the bills totaling \$58,607.13. The motion carried. Juan Bradford noted the total this month is higher than usual because it includes \$34,600 for work on the tennis courts in Community Park. This expense will be reimbursed by Washtenaw County.

12. Financial Statements

- A. June 2021 Revenue & Expenditure Report
- B. June 2021 Balance Sheet

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

13. Pleas and Petitions

Greg Vessels commented that another township resident asked him if Superior Township has a dog park, and if not, could we get one installed. Juan Bradford commented that dog parks are difficult to adequately monitor, to ensure that aggressive dogs do not harm other dogs and people. Juan will check with Washtenaw County Parks to find out if they have a dog park within the county.

Terry Lee Lansing asked if the Park Commission meetings could start 30 minutes later, at 7:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm. The consensus among park commissioners was to stay with the 6:30 pm start time.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Greg Vessels to adjourn at 7:30 pm. The motion carried.

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