

Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2021

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Park Commissioners absent: Guy Conti

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

3. Flag Salute

Chair Marion Morris 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 presented. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. September 27, 2021

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Riley Schofield to approve the minutes of 9/27/2021 with correction to New Business B. Five Year Parks & Recreation Plan Survey. The second sentence of this item presently reads "He two park commissioners have submitted...". It should be amended to read "Two Park Commissioners have submitted...". The motion to approve with correction carried.

6. Citizens Participation – none

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Marion Morris reported she and Juan Bradford attended the Township Board meeting on 10/18/21, and all funds 2022 budgets, including the Park Fund were approved. Residents of apartments on MacArthur Blvd spoke about safety concerns related to crossing streets to access Fireman's Park and the Ypsilanti District Library branch under construction. Residents of the Washington Square subdivision were also present and expressed concern about speeding cars on Stephens Drive. Marion heard from Paula Jefferson, former Park Commissioner, that she is interested in serving on the Park Commission again, should there be a vacancy.

B. Administrator

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. In addition to this written report, he informed the Park Commissioners that he and Patrick Pigott attended a presentation on invasive species at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Juan thanked Greg Vessels for his ideas for the Nature Hunt Bingo event and the work that Greg and his wife Amy put into this event. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai mentioned that several people at the Pumpkin Event on Saturday came from communities outside of Superior Township.

Apparently, this event was advertised on an electronic newsletter for Ann Arbor Public Schools. Park Commissioners and Juan discussed the merits of advertising outside of Superior Township. The consensus was not to limit attendance unless a very high cost will be associated with high attendance by non-township residents. Martha Kern-Boprie questioned whether we should continue to display a donations jar at our events. The money donated is not sufficient to make a difference in our programming and could result in a family choosing not to participate in an event because they could not afford a donation. After discussion, the consensus was to not display the donation jar at future events.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Bernice Lindke reported on the 10/18/21. She also reported on the citizens present who were concerned about speeding cars in Washington Square, traffic safety near MacArthur Blvd, and the lack of a community center. Trustee Lindke noted that these residents have come before the board before, are tired of words, and seek action. Trustee Lindke also reported that the Dixboro School will get a well and septic field. A township resident named Matt Schuster is concerned about a private road under construction adjacent to his property on Geddes Road near the west boundary of Superior Township. Mr. Schuster gave a lengthy presentation about his concern, and requested the township board over-rule Rick Mayernik, building and zoning official. The township board voted to not over-rule Mr. Mayernik and will seek to regulate the private drive under construction.

D. Board Attendee

Marion Morris attended the 10/18/21 township board meeting. Topic covered were already outlined in the Chairperson report.

E. Park Steward

No report.

F. Safety

There were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

8. Communications

- A. Nature Hunt Bingo Pictures
- B. Educational: Engagement with Parks
- C. Master Plan Survey Flyer

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Nahid Sani-Yahyai to receive the communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. 2022 Budget Update

The 2022 Park Fund budget was approved by the township board on 10/18/2021. When final approved budget documents are delivered to the Park Department office, Juan will provide them to the park commissioners.

B. Five Year Plan Update

- 1. Survey – A survey to measure community interest and values has been prepared. All Park Commissioners are asked to respond to it by 12/03/21. The survey is available online at <https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/SuperiorMP> or by completing a paper version of the survey.
- 2. Committee
A committee of about four people will work on the Park Five Year Plan with Juan and staff from Carlisle Wortman. Martha Kern-Boprie said she would like to serve on this committee.

10. New Business – none

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to approve paying the bills totaling \$21,029.56 at 10/25/2021. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

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

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

13. Pleas and Petitions

Martha Kern-Boprie informed the Park Commission that she followed up with Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) staff about her idea for a Chinese New Year event in January. YDL staff were concerned that an event of this nature would have to be held indoors, and it is not safe to do so with the COVID virus still so active. YDL staff did encourage an outdoor winter event that could include snow events if the weather cooperates and learning opportunities about winter habits of animals and weather changes. Martha will continue to follow up with YDL staff.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Riley Schofield to adjourn at 7:07 pm. The motion carried.

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