

Superior Charter Township Park Commission  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2022

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nahid Sani-Yahyai at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Park Commissioners absent: none

Others present, Trustee Bernice Lindke; Juan Bradford, Park Director; Jan Piert; Kelly Goolsby

3. Flag Salute

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

4. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the agenda as drafted. During discussion on the motion Guy Conti referred to New Business item D. and asked if it was necessary to still send Park Commissioners to the Township Board meetings, as the Board Liaison Trustee Bernice Lindke gives thorough reports and can report back to the Township Board on Park Commission matters. Martha Kern-Boprie commented that she believes there is value in having the elected Park Commissioners present before the Township Board. Their presence and comments let the Township Board know the importance of Park Commission issues before the board. Marion Morris and Nahid Sani-Yahyai stated they concur with Martha. The motion to approve the agenda as drafted carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. November 28, 2022

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the minutes of 11/28/22 with one correction. In the list of other persons attending the meeting, Juan Bradford is listed as Administrator, but his title was changed to Director earlier in 2022. The motion to approve the minutes with correction of Juan Bradford's title to Director carried.

6. Public Hearing regarding 2023 – 2027 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Guy Conti to open the public hearing on the 2023 – 2027 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan at 6:05 pm. The motion carried.

Jan Piert commented that the plan was well written and she supported its goals, particularly those to enhance access to parks and recreation by people with all levels of abilities, and to enhance non-motorized travel and access. She noted that the goals of the plan may require a millage tax to achieve.

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Nahid Sani-Yahyai to close the public hearing on the 2023 – 2027 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan at 6:08 pm. The motion carried.

7. Citizen Participation

Kelly Goolsby asked for an update on correcting drainage problems in Firemans Park. She stated the drainage problems should be fixed before installing more playground equipment. She is also concerned about bees that are present in Firemans Park, due to fruit trees. The bees make it difficult to use the park.

8. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai thanked Marion Morris for her many years of service as Park Commission chairperson. She wished the park commissioners and staff a pleasant holiday season.

B. Director

Juan Bradford submitted a written report.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Bernice Lindke stated that there has not been a Township Board meeting since the last Park Commission meeting, so there is nothing to report. The Township Board will meet tonight at 7:00 pm.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

The township board has not met since the last Park Commission meeting. The township board will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, and Nahid Sanii-Yahyai will attend that meeting for the Park Commission.

E. Park Steward

No report.

F. Safety

There were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

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

9. Communications

A. Educational: CDC – Be Ready! Winter Weather

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Riley Schofield to receive the communications. The motion carried.

10. Old Business

A. Community Center Advisory Committee Update

Juan Bradford reported that the Community Center Advisory Committee (CCAC) met last week. Focus groups will begin meeting in January 2023.

11. New Business

A. Adoption of 2023 – 2027 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Marion Morris to adopt the 2023 – 2027 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan. The motion carried.

B. Resolution for Application of Spark Grant

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to adopt the following resolution supporting a Spark Grant Submission for Cherry Hill Nature Preserve ADA Improvements.

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Parks & Recreation Commission supports the submission of an application titled “Cherry Hill Nature Preserve ADA Improvements” to the Spark Grant program to construct a handicap accessible parking lot, and install a handicap accessible board walk and pathway from the parking lot to the wetland lookout deck at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve, and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Parks & Recreation Commission supports the National Recreation & Park Association’s three pillars of health and wellness, inclusion, and conservation, and,

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements requested in the grant would provide access and inclusion to a natural space that is currently not accessible to people experiencing either permanent or short-term mobility disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the universal design features proposed will also improve accessibility to parents with strollers, and elders with uneasy footing; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements would make Cherry Hill Nature Preserve the first nature preserve in the township with ADA accessible parking and walkways; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Superior Parks & Recreation Commission seeks to continually expand its recreational offerings that are open to all visitors regardless of ability level; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission hereby supports the submission of a Spark Application for \$681,000.00 for Cherry Hill Nature Preserve ADA Improvements to be constructed in 2023 – 2024.

Vote:

Ayes	7
Nays	0
Absent	0

The motion carried and the resolution is adopted.

C. 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Dates

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to schedule 2023 Park Commission meetings on the following dates and times:

January 23, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
February 27, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
March 27, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
April 24, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
May 22, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
June 26, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
July 24, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
August 28, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
September 25, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
October 23, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
November 27, 2023	6:30 pm	Monday
December 18, 2023	6:00 pm	Monday

Note: December meeting held on third Monday of month at 6:00 pm due to Christmas holiday on the fourth Monday.

The motion carried.

D. 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Attendees

Park Commissioners volunteered to attend the following Board of Trustees meetings in 2023.

January 17, 2023	Tuesday	Greg Vessels
February 21, 2023	Tuesday	Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
March 20, 2023	Monday	Guy Conti
April 17, 2023	Monday	Riley Schofield
May 15, 2023	Monday	Martha Kern-Boprie
June 20, 2023	Monday	Marion Morris
July 17, 2023	Monday	Marion Morris

August 21, 2023	Monday	Martha Kern-Boprie
September 18, 2023	Monday	Terry Lee Lansing
October 16, 2023	Monday	Terry Lee Lansing
November 20, 2023	Monday	Greg Vessels
December 18, 2023	Monday	Nahid Sanii-Yahyai

12. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Riley Schofield to approve payment of the bills totaling \$23,176.29 at 12/19/2022. The motion carried.

13. Financial Statements

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Guy Conti to receive the November Revenue and Expenditure Report. The motion carried.

14. Pleas and Petitions

Kelly Goolsby spoke to the park commission about three things she wants done in Firemans Park.

1. Trim or cut trees to remove bees.
2. Install fence between road and park.
3. Correct drainage problems.

15. Adjournment

It was moved by Guy Conti and supported by Riley Schofield to adjourn at 6:25 pm. The motion carried.

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