

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on January 8, 2007 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call – Present: Saira Comerford, Kevin Dodd, Laura Evich, John Keenan, Steve Offman, Maureen Okasinski, Diana Schroeder
Youth Commissioners Steve Nosakowski, Megan Semon
Also in attendance: Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Lee Cox

07-001 – Approval of Agenda

Evich/Keenan motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

07-002 – Approval of Minutes

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed.

07-003 – Approval of Minutes

Okasinski/Keenan motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2006 special meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

- *Access to Recreation*: No update; continue to wait for additional information.
- *Taste of Redford*: Investigating restaurants that may be interested and expand as we look at funding. Next meeting 1/22/07 at 6pm.
- *Vandalism in Township Parks*: Discussing with Scott Gray on getting flyers out to residents. Investigation of playstructure vandalism at Vandenburg Park continues. Fire Chief Les Wedge would like to see the arson inspector get more involved.
- *Park Commission Bylaws*: Tabled.
- *Seventh Park Commissioner Replacement*: Full board present; Commissioner Comerford present.

New Business

- *Five-Year Master Plan*: Mike spoke with Leah Hutko of Wade Trim (the organization that prepared our current master plan) and it expires February 2008. Mike distributed a proposal outline of what Wade Trim will do. Cost will be half of the \$30,000 that was charged for the last one, approximately \$14,200. Possibly have Glenhurst Golf Course pay this fee like last time. Mike to get additional bids.

Department Report

- **Burgess**: Theresa states the winter session begins this week and next. Fitness classes are doing well and taking off. Tutoring sign-up begins this week. Youth Commission meets tomorrow. Thurston to do their first cable show on Redford P&R in March and she would like suggestions from the Park Commission, also come up with a name for the show. Thurston will be getting video footage of our events and will encompass the Youth Department too. Hoping to get this on the Township cable channel as well.
- **Curle**: The Park Maintenance staff will begin demolition of the playstructure at Vandenburg as long as the weather holds and hopefully probation workers will assist on weekends. There is a lot of interest in the Coed Volleyball and Ballroom Dancing classes at Pearson; they are starting to take off.

- Pokorny: Jan states that the skate park continues to be popular is and used. The kids can't get enough of it. As long as temperatures are over 35° she will open the park. Kids get along great and she never has any problems.

Commissioners' Report

- Schroeder: Diana states Doggie-Rama will be June 30, 2007 from 10am-3pm. She is talking with vendors now with the location still to be determined. Diana would like suggestions and input from the Commission.
- Keenan: John nothing at this time.
- Okasinski: Maureen would like to see "2007 Park Commission Goals" on the next agenda.
- Evich: Laura states that if the budget is approved for the expansion of the skate park, she would like to see a "re-grand opening" of it.
- Dodd: Kevin nothing at this time.
- Comerford: Saira's own words . . . "First of all, I want to apologize for any hard feelings that may have arisen due to my prolonged absence. I realize it has been an inconvenience and I regret that deeply. The last year has been very difficult for me both professionally and personally. I do not wish to go into details but I will say that after I attended my last meeting in December 2005, my life quite literally fell to pieces. I emailed Chairperson Offman, as soon as I was able, to let him know that I was sorting through things and that I could always be reached at the same phone number and email address that I always have had. During my absence, I understand that there may have been many questions from the Commission and the staff. I did not realize that there was any pressing need since there were never any voice mails or emails left for me from anyone, regarding issues that needed my input or presence. With that all hopefully in the past, I would like to request forgiveness from the Commission and staff for my absence and make it clear that I am fully ready and prepared to resume my place on the commission. However, if the Commission would wish, I am also fully prepared to tender my resignation."
- Offman: Steve inquiries about incidents of gangs at Claude Allison. Mike states that the Police are trying to get more involved at the park. The fence that ran along Pickford that was removed in the fall of 2005 per the direction of Supervisor Handy needs to be replaced. Without this fence, it allows for the gangs to easily disburse. People are afraid to use the park.

Park Bills

N/A

Communication

N/A

Citizen Comments

N/A

07-004 – Adjournment

Evich/Schroeder motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox, Parks & Recreation Secretary