

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on February 12, 2007 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call – Present: Kevin Dodd, Laura Evich, John Keenan, Steve Offman, Maureen Okasinski, Diana Schroeder

Absent: Saira Comerford, Youth Commissioners Steve Nosakowski, Megan Semon

Also in attendance: Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Lee Cox, Danielle Karrick

07-011 – Approval of Agenda

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

07-012 – Approval of Minutes

Okasinski/Dodd motion to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2007 regular meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Old Business

- *Park Commission Bylaws*: Mike has received samples from neighboring communities through MMRMA. Oxford Township appears to be closest to what we are looking for. Copies to be provided at next meeting for review.
- *Five-Year Master Plan*: Wade Trim is our preferred vendor for this type of project.
- *2007 Park Commission Goals*: Commissioner Okasinski conducts a brainstorming session.

New Business

- *501C3 Paperwork (Friends of Redford Parks)*: As discussed by Mike and Commissioner Okasinski, this item came to the forefront at the P&R Recognition Event. There will be a lot of paperwork involved plus a private attorney. Tom has experience with starting up a non-profit organization. He will find out legal costs involved. Mike and Commission Okasinski to meet with an attorney. Other Commissioners interested in orchestrating this are Keenan, Offman, Schroeder and a special meeting to be set.
- *Snow Softball Tournament*: Danielle Karrick is coordinating a snowball softball tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society. She is request the use of Claude Allison softball diamonds plus the use of bases with the rental fee waived.

07-013 – Approval of Use of Park

Evich/Dodd motion to allow the use of Claude Allison diamonds #1 and #2 on March 3, 2007 for a benefit softball tournament plus the use of bases with the rental fee waived. No lights will be required and Ms. Karrick is aware that no restroom will be available. Motion passed.

Department Report

- Cox: Lee states that both Daddy/Daughter Dances were sold out. Volunteer Leslie Gray prepared all the corsages by hand (second year in a row) due to the fact that the florist we previously used is out of business.
- Burgess: Theresa states things are going well. She will host a site visit to Phoenix Park with representatives from Access to Recreation tomorrow. She would like more handicapped accessible items at that park. Theresa had a great time at the annual MRPA conference in Grand Rapids and learned a lot. Theresa and Mike met with Thurston's media dept. and it was amazing. The first piece will air the end of March with another program in May. Both school districts and Township cable will play the show. A name is needed for the show and it is suggested to hold a contest to name the new P&R show.

- Curle: Mike states that the MRPA conference was really informative. The play equipment from Play Environments came in last week and will be installed as soon as the weather breaks. The outdoor ice rink is going well and in good shape just maintenance issues now. It is cleaned every day. Mike will miss the next meeting. He was really impressed with the video plans with Thurston. They will be filming at tomorrow's Daddy/Daughter dance with footage for use next year. They would like Commissioner Schroeder for the May show to promote Doggie-Rama. Suggestion to invite the winner of the "Best Trick" contest on the show. Mike will be meeting with the little leagues and baseball organizations 2/15 at 7pm.
- O'Connor: Tom states that the YWCA has made improvements and upgrades but the pool still has not materialized. They will be having a grand re-opening and will send info when available. Tom states that they do need help and we should try to assist them with a plan.

Commissioners' Report

- Keenan: John has been looking at the outdoor ice rink and is pleased with its usage and coverage. He also spoke with Supervisor Handy regarding a winter event, possibly an ice sculpture show or ground hog day event. Supervisor Handy is very supportive of the work the Park Commission has done.
- Schroeder: Diana inquiries about the budget process and Mike states nothing yet. Diana is interested in possibly moving the Doggie Rama event's location this year as more room is needed. Suggestion to get a tent and use the ice arena's parking lot.
- Dodd: Kevin states that our maintenance staff (Kevin McCoy & Jeff Waterstradt) are doing a great job on the outdoor ice rink.
- Evich: Laura had a resident question her about forms for nominating someone for the P&R recognition event. These forms are available thru the P&R office. A subcommittee will need to be established to review them. Laura extends her sympathies for Tom's loss of his mother. Laura attended the Mommy/Son dance and will try to attend the second Daddy/Daughter dance tomorrow. Laura thanks Mike for the clock in the meeting room.
- Okasinski: Maureen nothing at this time.
- Offman: Steve nothing at this time.

07-014 – Approval of Park Bills

Schroeder/Evich motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$2,937.28; Parks Maintenance - \$4,197.61. Roll Call: Dodd, Evich, Keenan, Offman, Okasinski, Schroeder – Yes. Approved.

Communication

N/A

Citizen Comments

A male resident stated the he had just cleaned the outdoor ice rink with his snow blower. Mike explained that it is groomed every day but no staff at night. The resident's overall impression of the new rink was positive.

07-015 – 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