

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on February 13, 2006 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, Kory Lambarth, Kristin Wal

Absent: Saira Comerford

Also in attendance: Ron Pokorny, Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Lee Cox

06-012 – Approval of Agenda

Keenan/Schroeder motion to approve the agenda as presented but to add “Wayne County Request for Funds” to agenda. Motion passed.

06-013 – Approval of Minutes

Okasinski/Keenan motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

- *Parks & Recreation Website:* Outside sources feel that the prices are reasonable that will be charged by Bob Salmonson to set-up this website. It is recommended that the site be .com or .org.
- *Recreation Survey:* Nothing new.
- *Mission & Vision Statements for Park Commission:* A special meeting is called for February 23 at 7:00pm.
- *Parks & Recreation Brochure:* A P&R brochure is badly needed and it should include information from the Senior Department and Library. We could possibly draw funds from the Library. Tom suggests putting together a committee to put together a “dummy model”. Mike to contact Doug Willett for timeframe and to give them the go ahead on sales.

06-014 – Approval of P&R Brochure

Okasinski/Schroeder motion to approve signing the contract with Get IT Marketing to procedure a P&R brochure with an addendum to include a “not to exceed” amount. Motion passed.

- *Thurston High School Baseball:* Al Chambo, Thurston’s Athletic Director, would like a letter to make their use of our field official. Mike to handle.

New Business

- *Meeting of April 24, 2006:* Senior functions will occupy the entire Community Center on 4/24/06 so the location of that Park Commission meeting will have to be relocated. Mike to check into another location.
- *Doggie-Rama:* Commissioner Schroeder has selected June 24 as the date for this event to be from 10am-3pm. She explains her plans and states that volunteers will be needed. This event will need to be advertised in the Observer, on the marquee, and in the water bill. The Commission is concerned about the canine breed of pit bulls in Redford and would like to not allow them to be brought for adoption.

06-015 – Approval of Restriction of Pet Adoption

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve that no pit bulls will be allowed at Doggie-Rama for adoption. Motion passed.

- *Review of New Proposed Recreation & Maintenance Budgets:* Details of 2006/2007 budget are discussed. Plans include eliminating the Parks Maintenance dept and combining it with DPW; Mike to return to his prior position in Parks Maintenance dept and P&R director position will not be filled; recreation supervisor to become more of a programmer. The Park Commission will still have full say over Parks Maintenance staff with a pool of talent to pull from and more efficient use of labor. Park Commission very concerned about changes and wonders how they can still be responsible and suggests requesting a formal legal opinion from the Michigan Township Association. Tom to address concerns at next meeting.

- *Wayne County Request for Funds*: Commissioner Keenan wants to move forward on request for additional funds from Wayne County. Commission would like Phil Cavanaugh to attention next meeting to discuss what projects we would like to see.

06-016 – Approval of Wayne County Request for Funds

Keenan/Schroeder motion to approve contacting Phil Cavanaugh to have him attention the next meeting to discuss how to request at least up to \$125,000 from Wayne County. Motion passed.

Department Report

- O'Connor: Tom wants to help on brochure and inquiries who will be the point person. Tom states that he is sorry the Commission was jolted by changes in budget but it will work out better for everyone.
- Curle: Mike and Theresa are working on programming and looking ahead to the summer.

Commissioners' Report

- Keenan: John states that Thurston will be spending \$10,000 to improve their fields.
- Evich: Laura is still confused from the budget meetings last week. Laura thanks Scott, Leslie, Danielle and Lee for their hard work on the daddy/daughter & mommy/son dances.
- Dodd: Kevin wants the Commission to stay on top of the budget and support it as a committee. Kevin doesn't want the Commission to look bad to the community.
- Okasinski: Maureen will miss a meeting in March as she will be out of town. She would like to have a "going away" party for Jerry Grisius. Maureen thanks Mike for all his leadership.
- Schroeder: Diana distributed flyer for gymnastics to preschools. The Park Commissioners are in the new Chamber of Commerce directory. Diana is also confused with the proposed budget changes.
- Youth Commissioners: Kory and Kristen are still working on a scavenger hunt for the youth commission and would welcome any ideas.
- Offman: Steve will miss the March 19 meeting.

06-017 – Approval of Park Bills

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$2,390.47; Parks Maintenance - \$1,499.89. Roll Call: Dodd, Evich, Keenan, Offman, Okasinski, Schroeder – Yes. Approved.

Communication

N/A

Citizen Comments

Ron Pokorny is a long time resident of Redford Township and a previous Park Commissioner. He has questions about the proposed spray park and asks if surveys were done on this and do residents want it. He is worried about the potential problems this park will create. Also he feels the same about the possibility of basketball hoops being installed. Ron is also very disappointed in the changes regarding the ice arena and has concerns over the new owners. There is only one day with open skate and he thought that 4 hours per week were negotiated into the contract.

06-0 – Adjournment

Evich/Dodd motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox