

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on June 12, 2006 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

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

Absent: Saira Comerford, John Keenan, Kory Lambarth, Kristen Wal

Also in attendance: Tom O'Connor, Mike Curle, Lee Cox

06-070 – Approval of Agenda

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve the agenda as presented but to include the approval of minutes from the special meeting of May 30, 2006. Motion passed.

06-071 – Approval of Minutes

Schroeder/Evich motion to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed.

06-072 – Approval of Minutes

Evich/Schroeder motion to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2006 special meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

- *Wayne County Request for Additional Funding:* Commissioner Keenan prepared a "Resolution Regarding Wayne County Funding" with two options: Completion of Phase 2 – Capitol Park Project and Phoenix Park Phase 1 Improvements. Mike Curle presents some prices for these projects; discussion.

06-073 – Approval of Project

Okasinski/Evich motion to approve Phoenix Park Project as the request for additional funding from Wayne County. Motion passed.

- *Program Proposals:* Theresa forwarded her report. She has a proposal from an accredited instructor (who has a studio in Farmington) that would like to do a teen/youth yoga class in the fall. Commissioner Okasinski would like to hold a workshop to see if there is any interest in this class. Tabled until Theresa is present.
- *Fall Sports Event:* Nothing new. Tom tells the Commission to take the lead on this and he will get realistic budget information for the next meeting.
- *Park Rules:* Theresa left a message with Betsy to check the status of the study session for park rules and is waiting to hear back from her.

New Business

- *Doggie-Rama:* A flyer has been distributed promoting this event. Commissioner Schroeder is still looking for tables and will need assistance for this event. She will discuss layout and measure location with Mike. Port-a-potties and sod will be provided by Supervisor Handy.
- *Access to Recreation:* These are grants from MRPA and the Kellogg Foundation. Applications will be due in the fall and more information will be coming. Mike to discuss with Theresa for additional information.
- *CB Swim Club:* They will have Redford visitor days on June 20 and July 18 from noon until 9:00pm for \$3 per person. The Commission suggests taking our playground program there for a field trip.

Department Report

- O'Connor: Tom visited parks this weekend and is worried about injuries at portable hoops that are being erected on our property. They are a safety violation and he wonders if we should confiscate them. Tom to check with the Township attorney for liability issues. Tom

suggests the Commission write a letter to Wayne County regarding request for additional funding. The last few weeks have been rough due to special assessments.

- Curle: Mike states that the Spray Park will open on June 26 at 11am and invitations will be going out in the mail. All Wayne County Commissioners to be invited too as they voted for the allocation of funds. Concerts in the Park begin two weeks from tomorrow. There will be a Movie in the Park on June 24 as well as a skateboard competition this Saturday.
- Burgess: Theresa forwarded her report. The playground program is full with 75 participants at each site. Since this is new, we will be monitoring the playgrounds during the first week to see if we need additional staff or can accommodate more kids since all kids may not come every day or vice versa. There is three staff at each site with a fourth floater. Other summer program registration is slow. Youth Commission skate park competition is this weekend noon at Capitol. Added a component for younger skaters ages 8-11 due to past inquiries, however sign-up is slow in that division. July is National Parks & Recreation Month and there is a copy of a resolution if this would like to be included on the next meeting.

Commissioners' Report

- Okasinski: Maureen wants parks surveys to be available online for viewing progress at parks. Tom suggests having email accounts for each Commission when P&R website is up and running. She would like to see the surveys on a monthly basis to monitor if Parks Maintenance is taking care of the problems. Tom to work on this.
- Evich: Laura signed the Fire Dept's documents for fire pits at Relay for Life. Laura thought the Memorial Day Parade was nice. She had fun volunteering at the Township Festival. Laura inquiries if Tom has been in touch with Commissioner Comerford; his response is no.
- Schroeder: Diana was sorry she missed the Memorial Day Parade but she was ill. Diana inquiries on the status of the website; Mike is still working on copywrites. She had fun volunteering at the Township Festival on Sunday. Diana is working on bands for the upcoming youth concerts in July and August.
- Okasinski: Maureen had fun volunteering at the Township Festival. She felt the Commission's presence at Cinco de Mayo booth was very helpful and she got a lot of feedback and feels more informed. Maureen would like an update on parks and DPW, how parks issues are being addressed and wants a report for next meeting.
- Dodd: Kevin thanks everyone for volunteering at the Township Festival and states that this will be his last year as chairperson of that event. He was glad for all the helping hands. Kevin is sorry he missed the Memorial Day Parade but he had a prior commitment.
- Offman: Nothing at this time.

Park Bills

N/A

Communication

N/A

Citizen Comments

N/A

06-074 – Adjournment

Okasinski/Evich motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox, Parks & Recreation Secretary