

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on August 28, 2006 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM.

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

Absent: Saira Comerford, John Keenan

Also in attendance: Theresa Burgess, Mike Curle, Lee Cox, Bill McSween

### **06-092 – Approval of Agenda**

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve the agenda as presented but to move “Citizen Comments” first. Motion passed.

### **06-093 – Approval of Minutes**

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed.

### **Citizen Comments**

Bill McSween thanks the Park Commission for the recognition award he was presented. The P&R Recognition Event went well and he was impressed with the attendance by the local politicians. Bill pointed out that cell phone tower revenue was to be strictly used for capitol improvements for all parks. Citizens signed off for \$35,000 to use this money for improvements. He hoped this money would cover the \$5,000 for skate park improvements.

### **Old Business**

- *Fall Sports Event*: This event might not be feasible this season due to schedule conflicts.
- *Park Rules*: The Commission fine-tunes the rules.
- *Access to Recreation*: Need to contact our local foundation through which the grant will be funded.
- *Park & Recreation Email Newsletter*: Commission Okasinski spoke with Commissioners Dodd and Schroeder on this and Commission Schroeder will type the email names to give to Lee to forward our class offerings.
- *Park Commission Board Sub-Committees*: Nothing new.
- *Parks & Recreation Recognition Event*: Commissioner Okasinski gave an overview of tentative numbers, etc. with more details to follow. The P&R Department and Park Commission really came together for this event.

### **New Business**

- *Travel Baseball Usage – Capitol Park*: Representative didn’t show again; remove from agenda.
- *Concert in the Park Survey*: Commission Evich compiled the information. 150 responses were received with 141 stating “no” to changing the night of concerts.
- *Recognition Award – Lincoln Naumoff*: Mike feels that this might be Link’s last season due to health issues and feels that it would be a good idea to give him a

recognition award at tomorrow's last Concert in the Park. Linc has been involved with P&R and Concerts in the Park for well over 14 years.

### **06-094 – Approval of Minutes**

Evich/Offman motion to approve an achievement award to Lincoln Naumoff to be presented at the August 29<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park. Motion passed.

### **Department Report**

- Burgess: Theresa states that fall flyers are done and thanks Lee for a great job. They are ready to be distributed to schools. We have several new classes as well as parent/child classes. The Youth Department is open. Youth Commissioner Kristen Wal is now working in the Youth Dept.
- Curle: Mike was told by Tom O'Connor that the brochure company is ready to go and we need to get something to them ASAP. Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> is the next delivery date of the Redford Connection if we are planning to have it included in the paper. Parks Maintenance dept. is losing staff members as they return to school. Mike continues to work on the grant for trees planted. Fall softball starts tonight. Our fall programming is currently the biggest push. Mike thanks the Parks Commission for the thank you basket to the office staff.
- Cox: Lee states that P&R might be running 22,000 flyers for Oktoberfest.

### **Commissioners' Report**

- Lambarth: Kory states that Kristen sends her goodbyes and she will miss everyone. Kristen sends her thanks and she has had a lot of fun on the Commission. Kory (& Kristen) give thanks for the gift baskets and felt the P&R Event went very well. Operation Parks Clean-Up is on the next Youth Commission agenda scheduled for next spring and he wants a donation and support from the Park Commission.
- Okasinski: Maureen spoke with Bill McSween last week and he suggested inviting individual sports groups to a meeting to allow them to talk, coordinate, express concerns, get them to give more/clean-up parks, etc. Maureen to work with Kory on a parks clean-up packet. She would like to meet with skate boarders to develop a skate plan in Redford. Make it more than a skate park but part of a system – "skate spots". Great to get you in and discuss; also include Jan Pokorny. Maureen would like "Taste of Redford" on next agenda. She also wants P&R info tables at Oktoberfest and Fire Department Open House.
- Schroeder: Diana emailed the mission statement to local press. She thanks Maureen for the hard work she did on the P&R Event. Diana says goodbye to Kristen and says she will be missed. Diana asks about the hours for the spray park after Labor Day; weekends only depending on weather. Diana thanks Joe Duron for the photos of the Commissioners.
- Evich: Laura thanks everybody for the P&R Event and especially the Youth Commissioners plus the slide show presentation. Sun Messengers were awesome and people really enjoy them. Citizens asked Laura why our ticket sales info is not on the website. The info has been forwarded and asked to be placed. This info should be a link on the Township's main page. Laura thanks Bill for coming to the meeting tonight.

- Offman: Steve thanks everybody for help at P&R event. It went really well. We will miss Kristen; have her visit at next meeting.
- Dodd: Kevin had citizens ask for arrows on parking lot at Capitol as many drivers were going the wrong way. Kevin inquiries where we are on the P&R webpage. We need to get squared away on it and start out own database.

### **06-095 – Park Bills**

Offman/Schroeder motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$2,709.21  
Parks Maintenance - \$5,910.65. Roll Call: Dodd, Evich, Offman, Okasinski, Schroeder  
– Yes. Approved.

### **Communication**

- Commission Offman states that Clerk Christie informed him to contact the Clerk's Office when the Park Commission is ready to have "Park Rules" on the Township Board's agenda.
- Send a thank you letter to Janet Watson of the Redford Township Beautification Commission.
- The Commission needs to communicate the survey results to Township Board on Concert in the Parks.
- The Commission thanks John Cubba for the Glenhurst golf passes.

### **06-096 – Adjournment**

Offman/Okasinski motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox, Parks & Recreation Secretary