

**LINCOLN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PARKS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – SPRING PARKS TOUR**

Saturday, April 15, 2006

A special meeting of the Lincoln Charter Township Parks Commission was called by Chairman Todd Gardner for the purpose of touring the parks and prioritizing maintenance issues. Notice posted April 12, 2006.

The Spring Parks Tour began at Glenlord Beach at 8:45 a.m. and concluded at the Community Center Park at 12:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Todd Gardner, Bill Tucker, Mike Lucker, John Hoskins and Kim Risk. **ABSENT:** Rick Knight and Rich Knapp.

Glenlord Beach Notes:

- Park begins at Ridge Road and includes island with trees. Island could be landscaped. Leaves need cleaned up.
- Telephone – expense? Check into insurance-related requirements. (**Gardner**)
- Curb bumpers need straightened.
- Entry station should be removed as it serves no purpose.
- Large grassy area right of entrance could be considered for a group facility.
- Dumpster area door blown off.
- Trash blowing out of uncovered trash cans. Need containers with lids.
- Portion of bluff just below decking has been clear cut and looks terrible.
- Piles on bluff side need removed.
- Two sections of the boardwalk have been removed.
- Bathrooms are an embarrassment. Do not meet current safety standards.
- How to begin work on removing current structure?
 - start from the bottom and fix beach problem areas
 - remove most deteriorated sections first and fence off with warning signs
 - need work crew to take out steps (**Lucker and Hoskins**)
 - verify liability coverage if using free labor (**Gardner**)
 - if 2-story section remains, warning signs must be posted that no more than 20 people can be on it at one time
 - CPM Construction is providing more designs of maintenance-free pavilion structures

Summary – Estimate \$300,000 to \$350,000 to redo park properly. Discussed creating a Special Assessment District.

Gardner, seconded by Hoskins, made a **MOTION** to immediately proceed with demolition of the existing structure, except the 2-story overlook, pending addition of insurance rider, volunteer labor agreement with Ridge Road Association, and allocation of \$3,500 for site plan survey from township Glenlord Beach improvement fund. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commissioners Mike Lucker and John Hoskins will serve as project co-chairs.

Rudnick Park Notes:

- Sign missing.
- No trash can.
- Consider pre-fabricated bridge to reach larger side of park.
- Park boundaries are limited – 16 adjoining acres for sale.
- Ground water is tested periodically by EPA and considered a “watch area”.
- Idea to interest fishing groups in improving creek banks.

Summary – Agreed park has much potential, but is not a priority at this time. Consider association with Fox Crossing developer just north of park.

Lincoln Township Beach Notes:

Front of park in picnic shelter area –

- Pump missing from well. New pump cost estimate \$700. Water would have to be tested yearly.
- Grass won't grow in shaded picnic area. Needs mulch.
- Pines need trimmed. Part of Earthscapes clean up? Consider forest re-management program.
- Fencing along Notre Dame needs fixed.
- Picnic shelter needs new roof, painting, grills, better picnic tables, benches.
- Park sign in poor condition; needs new frame and painting.
- Adding curbs could improve parking.
- Gate needs replaced.

Beach area of park –

- Remove sand from parking lot, decks and put back on beach.
- Clean debris off beach.
- Remove poles and swing set?
- Consider adding fire pit.
- Arrange for tree trimmer (**Gardner**)
- Discussed sand control; snow fencing, adding second berm, planting dune grass.
- Take out 12-ft section of decking for future stair steps and bobcat access to beach. (**Hoskins**)
- Parking lot drain needs cleaned out.

Bathrooms –

- Extend nearby water/sewer lines to add drinking fountain, foot shower, sinks and toilets. Also use water for power washing.
- Remove rusted trash can. Need containers with lids.
- Screens are broken.
- Block building needs painted; roof okay.
- Consider new PVC paneling for front façade. (**Lucker**)
- Picnic area on trail above bathrooms needs cleaned up. Could use grills.

Summary – Consider which projects could be completed by the Assets Advisory Committee Lincoln Township Beach Clean-Up on Sunday, May 21. Improving this park is high priority.

(Commissioners Mike Lucker and Bill Tucker left group after touring LT Beach.)

North Lake Park Notes:

- Mulch needed in play areas. Add border timbers to play areas. **(Gardner)**
- Chains for swings need replaced with vinyl protectors. Need 4 baby-seat swings and 4 other swings. **(Gardner and Risk)**
- Need 4 new volleyball nets for North Lake, Community Park, LT Beach.
- Goose droppings are problem – consult National Park and Recreation website for help.
- Replace benches along channel and fire pit benches.
- Consider adding concrete pad with 2 picnic tables and grills on either end. **(Hoskins)**
- Pavilion needs sign/message board to post reservations and other information. **(Gardner)**
- Toilets need replaced.

Summary – Need to locate grant application from 2004 and re-submit.

(Commissioner Bill Tucker rejoined group at Community Park.)

Community Park Notes:

- Mulch needed in play areas. Add border timbers to play areas. **(Gardner)**
- Need 4 basketball nets, 2 new backboards, 1 tennis net
- Arrange for sand for volleyball pits. New poles?
- Play area sand needs cleaned up. Consider adding sand toys for climbing and scooping.
- Remove old soccer goal posts behind Roosevelt school
- Repaint shuffleboard court.
- Consider adding 2 concrete pads with grills on either end of pavilion. **(Hoskins)**
- Move aluminum bench from North Lake Park to this park
- Idea to control access to bathrooms from inside pavilion only. Would port-o-potty be needed? Research on public bathroom requirements needed.
- Discussed vandalism and public safety issues.
- Pavilion needs sign/message board to post reservations and other information. **(Gardner)**
- Exterior of pavilion needs painted. Hoskins obtained bid for \$3,150 and will present at next monthly meeting.
- Power wash picnic tables.
- Drinking fountain not working.
- Seal coat parking lot?
- Pavilion interior needs wall added for parks office space. Also create small kitchen area.
- Once parks office is set up, sports equipment could be loaned out for usage.

Respectfully submitted by,

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