

Pending Approval – Bring corrections to next meeting, January 4, 2005 - 7 p.m.

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
 Lincoln Charter Township
 2055 West John Beers Rd.
 Stevensville, Mi. 49127

Tuesday, December 21, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Bill Tucker at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Michael Lucker, Marilyn Anderson, Rich Knapp, Bill Tucker, Nick White (10 minutes – gave report), Rick Knight, and John Hoskins.

Absent:

Guests: Jim Slevon

Minutes: Approved. Correction Mike Craig, guest at last meeting.

Treasurer's Report/Budget:

Pam Blough will attend next meeting, Jan. 4, to comment on 5-year plan.

Motion to approve bills. Anderson, Seconded-Knapp, Carried.

Still checking on water usage and possible leak at baseball fields' sprinkler system. No action taken.

Current procedure of bill paying leaves the Park Board no alternative but to approve payment without allowing for questions to be asked. We recommend purchase orders. Discussion. No action taken at present time.

Parks budget presentation due mid-February.

Adding to budget for parks director, need breakdown of benefits. No action at present.

Cellphones, cheaper plan. No action a present time.

Old Business:

How much money has the township contributed to the Parks? What percentage has township budget gone up in last 5 years?

What is the status of the sewer installation by D'Augustino Excavation for concession stand at the baseball fields? potable water?

Use media to announce Park Board actions. Who will write an article for next Lakeshore Light?

Check if Reliable is billing us for off-season.

Obtain a copy of New Parks Rules and Regulations from Manny Stoes. What action has been taken on the new website?

LYBSA Hitting Facility ground breaking will be spring 2005 estimating three months for construction. Survey of property is underway. Township Board has approved the location of the building.

Check grant status for Northlake Park, replace bridge, clean up trails.

Glenlord Beach status of DEQ permit (ask Matt Warner), dumping continuation, and replacement of stairs. Erick Sonmerud and Jim Hann had previously offered free labor with the materials supplied. Check status of broken roadway on South end.

New Business:

The State of the Parks was reported on by Rick Knight. Rick will make a list including what maintenance needs done. This will be presented at Township budget meeting in February.

5-Year Plan needs corrected and adopted by Township Board. Pam Blough will attend meeting January 4th with recommendation for Park improvements. Schedule a workshop with Dick Stauffer and determine project needs and projected cost.

Linear Trail "points of interest" determined to be: 1) Old train depot, 2) Lakeshore Middle School, 3) Lakeshore High School, 4) Softball/Baseball Complex, 5) Soccer Fields, 6) Library. Route to be from Glenlord easement south to John Beers Road and behind the High School to Linco Road. Photographs of Lincoln Township and the proposed Linear Trail were introduced and will be on display for the Workshop with Rod Helmer, GOVE, Associates, Inc., January 14th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Board of Education for a bus for workshop participants to view proposed trail route. Bill Tucker and other board members will personally contact property owners and adjacent property owners to Linear Trail plan.

Motion to fundraise with 'Friends of Parks' envelopes in March Lakeshore Light. Knight, Seconded, Lucker, Carried.

Motion to advertise for Recreation Leader of Summer Recreation Program in Herald Palladium. Tucker, Seconded, Knight, Carried.

More discussion needed on Summer Recreation Program, equipment, supplies, and student/teacher ratio.

Motion to allocate up to \$20,000 for fencing at baseball field. Jim Wasserman of LYBSA will present a cost estimate for the next meeting. Anderson, Seconded, Knapp, Carried.

A Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. was made by Bill Tucker, Seconded by Rick Knight, and Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Anderson, Secretary