

Pending Approval – Bring corrections to next meeting, February 8, 2005 - 7 p.m.

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

Bill Tucker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Michael Lucker, Rich Knapp, Bill Tucker, Marilyn Anderson, and John Hoskins, and Rick Knight.

**Absent:** Nick White has submitted his resignation letter as Park Board member. Based on Park Board's recommendation, the Township will make an appointment within 45 days. More discussion next meeting.

**Guests:** Hugh Gillespie and Jim Wasserman

**Minutes:** Amended and approved by Mike Lucker, seconded Rick Knight, carried.

**Treasurer's Report/Budget:** Bills approved for payment.

**Old Business:**

John Hoskins will check to see if the leaky roof fixed at ballfield.

Mike Lucker assuming leadership of Hitting Facility at ballfield. He is qualified to coordinate this project, since he has long been working on this with Jim Wasserman. Mike reports he's having a meeting with Dave Austin on Monday about the location of the building itself. He called Aquila, and the electric has a designated line. At the end of the week he will have all the information to give to Rod. Since Lakeshore Spring Break is from April 1-10, it was suggested that groundbreaking be held after that. LYBSA will have control over scheduling of the building, fundraising, rentals, etc.

Jim Wasserman presented fencing estimates to the Park Board. He had one from Matthews Custom Fencing and is waiting for one other. \$20,000 support money has been pledged by the Parks Board, the rest to come from LYBSA.

Motion: Pending review of the final quote, we authorize going ahead with the fencing project. Approved Tucker, Seconded Knapp, carried

**Report on the Parks**

Hugh reported mandatory repair of 302A tractor. It's been too wet to do anything about this. He bought the leaf blower from Hollywood Small Engine.

**Rudnick Park** – no report, but area is very flooded

**Glenlord Beach** - status of DEQ permit -- Marilyn Anderson contacted Dave Austin, and he said he would take it from here. Discussed whether Glenlord Beach should be closed for safety reasons, or sold. Seems unreasonable to continue to fund this erosion problem. Mike Lucker said perhaps this will draw public attention to the deterioration of this park site.

**Lincoln Township Beach** – Hugh to fix remnant fencing. Safety concerns.

**North Lake Park** – more work on grant status. Pam Blough retained hourly (estimate 8 hours) to finish grant application process, DEQ deadline April 1, 2005. Issue on binding books to be worked out with Township. Needs 3 pieces of information from John Froelich before it can be bound. Of concern is time and cost. It is very important to get this information to Pam.

**Community Center** – no action. Has a second telephone line that could be removed, but if we are going to have Summer Recreation Program, we will need the phone to be there.

**Parks House** - Hugh has someone interested in removing old metal building at baseball fields as scrap. He will call Bill Tucker with results.

**Softball/Baseball** – Hitting Facility groundbreaking ceremony publicized after spring break.

**Soccer** – Bill Tucker talked to the Chairman of Youth Soccer. They are putting together a presentation with information about a restroom/concession stand.

**New Business:**

Discussed the use of parkland to farm beans. Needs more discussion.

**2005 Project List** includes: hire a Director of Parks, bathrooms at soccer field, baseball fencing \$20,000, summer recreations program, North Lake Park Grant re-application, Linear Trail study and grant application, Glenlord Beach Park power wash deck, and Park Maintenance.

Hugh is going to wait on the power washing of the deck at Glenlord Beach until we have more discussion on its future as a park site.

Bill Tucker asked Hugh to keep a record of all new equipment and serial numbers as well as start an inventory list for budgetary purposes.

Hugh has been working on the Park Maintenance “to do” list. He had questions about the remnant of fencing at Lincoln Township Park. This is a safety priority.

Rick Knight gave a report on Hugh's new cellphone and the plan. The password will be emailed to Marilyn Anderson for the records.

Bill Tucker will research Hugh's employment through Williamson agency vs. Township.

Bill Tucker has someone from Andrews University helping him with the Web design and set-up.

Marilyn Anderson talked with Pam Blough this week. Pam received the Township Resolution, but needs 3 pieces of information from John Froelich before the 5 Year Plan can be bound. She said it is not cost efficient for her to be trying to locate this information. Bill Tucker noted that this is very true.

Bill Tucker will check on insurance for the Park House, perhaps just liability. If a Parks Director is to be hired, we may need this as office space.

John Hoskins will write and send a registered letter requesting John Froelich to remove his property from the Park House or it will be discarded.

A Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. was made by Mike Lucker, Seconded by John Hoskins, and Carried. Next meeting March 1.

**Budget Subcommittee Meeting:** Anderson, Tucker, Lucker, Knight, Knapp, Hoskins in attendance.

Rick Knight went over all the line items in the budget. He will present the budget request at the Township Meeting, February 22, 6 p.m.

Rick will call Bill during the week and run through the presentation before final presentation time.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Anderson, Secretary  
Parks Commission