

PARKS COMMISSION MEETING
Lincoln Charter Township
2055 West John Beers Road
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gardner at 7:13 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mike Lucker.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy McIhargie of the Ridge Road Association.

Opening – Audience Comments: None.

Secretary's Report: Risk stated last month's meeting was not fully recorded on the cassette recorder due to battery failure. Tucker, seconded by Knapp, made a **MOTION to approve** minutes from October 4th meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Trustee Reports: Hoskins reported on getting bids for the community park shelter's roof. Area roofing companies are not able to provide a standing seam roof, so Hoskins will get bids from South Bend and Grand Rapids before the next meeting. A standing seam roof is typically 40% more expensive than standard roofs, but lasts 50 years or more.

Tucker has contacted a well provider for the baseball fields and will have an estimate by the next meeting. Size of the well, based on expected volume, is yet to be determined. The township has agreed to provide funding for the well(s) to eliminate city water charges for watering the fields.

Tucker reported the new fencing at the baseball fields is completed with only a few minor structural adjustments needed. The indoor hitting facility should be ready for use this winter. Baseball is requesting parks replace at least four dugout roofs that are in serious need of repair. A rough estimate for a metal roof is \$2,500. Hoskins and Tucker will work on getting bids before the next meeting.

(At this point, Rick Knight joined the Commission and gave his report.)

Treasurer's Report: Discussed concerns about employment payroll, allocations, and the lack of action reports. Knight projected \$18,000 remaining for year-end projects barring unexpected expenses. Gardner, seconded by Tucker, made a **MOTION to approve** invoices presented in the amount of \$3,206.82, *not including* a North Lake Park water bill in the amount \$1395 to be paid for by the township. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Knight reported he is still trying to contact the Pepsi distributor concerning the vending machine at the community park shelter. He hasn't been able to locate a contract.

~~Knight presented a contract for the baseball indoor hitting facility stating LYBSA is responsible for payment of electricity and maintenance.~~ A request to set up service in the name of Lincoln Charter Township Parks Commission was received with a connection charge of \$200. Tucker will take the letter to LYBSA and have them change the service and billing to their organization.

Chair Report: Gardner met with Ken Field and Bill Bancroft of Rocket Football to discuss moving their program to the Rocky Weed Sports Complex. Their board is supportive of the move. Kent Hardin has offered to help with excavation and field preparation north of the current soccer fields. Rocket Football will come up with a site plan to present to the commission by next month. Discussed how the football and soccer programs will need additional parking off Cleveland, a concession stand, restrooms, and storage facilities. The current well at the soccer fields could support watering the football fields with a larger pump, according to well provider McCarty.

Gardner informed the commission of a special section of the Natural Resources Trust Fund recently enacted on October 28, 2005. It is a new pot of \$14 million for drinking fountains and restrooms in Michigan public parks, and 72% of allocated money is for counties and townships located south of Gaylord.

Commission will meet in January to begin the budget planning process.

Special Projects/Committees:

Baseball – See Trustee Reports.

Soccer – No report.

Football – See Chair Report.

North Lake Park – City water lines are in.

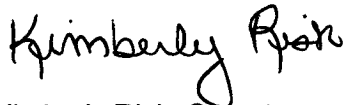
Glenlord Beach – No report.

Lincoln Township Beach – The Lakeshore High School Key Club has adopted this park and agreed to provide volunteers for an annual clean up.

Announcements: Risk announced a local scout is interested in an Eagle Scout project involving Lincoln Township Beach. Risk, Gardner, and Hoskins will meet with him and discuss possible projects.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Chairman at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kimberly Risk, Secretary
Parks Commission