

**PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
Lincoln Township Community Center Pavilion  
5575 South Roosevelt Road  
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

**Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gardner at 7:12 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tom Norbey and Fran Elliott.

**Opening/Audience Comments:** Gardner, seconded by Tucker, made a **MOTION** to revise agenda to include Glenlord Beach Renovation under New Business. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Treasurer's Report** – General Operating balance is at \$39,689.71. Knight recommended ending lawn care service at the end of this month. Capital Improvement balance is at \$79,517.25. Of this amount, \$30,000 is for a land payment, \$1,080 is for a bond payment, and the remaining is for capital projects through the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2007. Discussed unused Operating money from end of 2006 fiscal year that was transferred into Capital account. Knight, seconded by Knapp, made a **MOTION** to transfer \$7500 from Capital balance from last year's Operating Fund into this year's Operating Fund. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gardner, seconded by Knight, made a **MOTION** to approve invoices as presented in the amount of \$4,902.90. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chairman stated Lakeshore Rocket Football registration fees in the amount of \$2,155 should show in the next financial report.

**Secretary's Report** – Review of minutes from last meeting. Tucker, seconded by Gardner, made a **MOTION** to approve minutes from the October 10, 2006, regular meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Risk presented research on the number of elected park boards in the state of Michigan. (Attachment A) As of today, the list is at 25. The elected park boards are spread across the state. Discussed charter townships in Michigan and their governing power limits.

**Chair Report** – No report.

**Commissioners' Reports** – Risk reported the Lakeshore High School Assets Advisory Committee, who adopted Lincoln Township Beach and organized the major spring cleanup, will help install snow fencing at the park on Sunday, November 5. Commissioner Mike Lucker and Parks temp employee will supervise. On Saturday, November 4, Cub Scouts Pack 619 will perform community service at North Lake Park.

Risk stated two pavilion rental reservations for 2007 have been received from township residents. Non-township residents may begin making reservations as of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Risk presented the DEQ water quality report based on samples taken from the well at the soccer fields. The water is hard and high in iron content, but safe to drink. Discussed

putting in a filter and softener to improve taste and lessen mineral deposit buildup, versus the high cost of installing city water at the fields and paying for monthly usage. Risk presented a quote from Brooks Architectural for design process of bathrooms/concession stand building at the soccer fields. Copies of quote were distributed for commissioners to review. ACTION TABLED.

Discussed plan to fertilize soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, and the Community Center Park. Hoskins will make arrangements. Hoskins reported purchasing 250 feet of snow fencing for Lincoln Township Beach at a cost of \$270. Risk will contact Berrien County Parks for advice on installation.

Hoskins stated Diamond Factory Service has not been paid for appliances put in at the Community Center Park pavilion. Chairman will follow up.

**Old Business – Projects and Committees:**

**Community Center Park** – Reviewed GameTime playground equipment grant. Parks' obligation would be less than \$15,000 in matching funds to purchase an age-appropriate play set for toddlers ages 2-5. The current play set, also from GameTime, is geared toward ages 5-12. Gardner, seconded by Risk, made a **MOTION** to allocate no more than \$15,000 from Capital to accept a "Fight Obesity Grant" from GameTime to purchase equipment for toddler play set at Community Center Park and to issue check to St. Clair Recreation by November 15, 2006. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussed possibility of purchasing an ice-skating pond liner. Vice-Chairman Tucker and Tom Norbey will check into it.

**New Business:**

**Glenlord Beach Renovation** – Discussed Glenlord Beach renovation request for proposal letter being sent to engineering firms who perform this type of work in Southwest Michigan. The former wooden structure, built in 1982 with grant money, was not properly maintained. The result of too many years of taking the "band-aid" approach was partial demolition of the structure this summer due to safety concerns. There has been significant engineering progress since that time. The Parks Commission supports a better facility design, taking into consideration erosion control and restoration of the bluff.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** MOTION to adjourn made by Gardner at 8:58 p.m.

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Submitted by Kimberly Risk  
Parks Commission Secretary

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Approved by Commission  
Todd Gardner, Parks Commission Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_