

The regular meeting of the **Charter Township of Redford Park Commission** was held on March 27, 2006 in the Redford Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call – Present: Kevin Dodd, Laura Evich, John Keenan, Steve Offman, Maureen Okasinski, Diana Schroeder, Kory Lambarth, Kristin Wal

Absent: Saira Comerford

Also in attendance: Trustee Kobylarz, Tom O'Connor, Theresa Burgess, Lee Cox

06-035 – Approval of Agenda

Evich/Okasinski motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

06-036 – Approval of Minutes

Evich/Schroeder motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2006 regular meeting. Motion passed.

06-037 – Approval of Minutes

Schroeder/Evich motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2006 special meeting with correction. Motion passed.

06-038 – Approval of Minutes

Okasinski/Schroeder motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2006 special meeting. Motion passed.

Old Business

- *Mission & Vision Statements for Park Commission:* Tom would like to have an unveiling ceremony for the mission & vision statements with hors d'oeuvres and networking to show all the good work the Park Commission is doing. The Commission to meet in a study session at 6:30pm on April 10 before the regular meeting to "tweak" the statements.
- *Parks & Recreation Brochure:* Get It Marketing is working on ad sales for the brochure. Theresa and Tom are coordinating summer activities.
- *Wayne County Request for Additional Funding:* As a Commission, it is their responsibility and obligation to the community to get as much funds from Wayne County as possible. Priorities differ among Commissioners. The Commission would like the latest surveys that are being completed by the Youth Commission tallied and available at the next meeting to use this information for the request of funds from Wayne County. Tom states that the sooner we get our requests to Commissioner Cavanaugh, the better.

New Business

- *Use of Claude Allison Park for Cystic Fibrosis Walk:* Redford Union National Honors Society representatives were present to request the use of Claude Allison Park for a fundraising event for cystic fibrosis.

06-039 – Approval for Use of Park

Evich/Dodd motion to allow RUHS NHS the use of Claude Allison Park on May 20 from 6am-3pm for a walk for cystic fibrosis provided their safety and security plans are conveyed to P&R. Approved.

- *Youth Commission Fee at Doggie-Rama:* Youth Commissioners Kory & Kristen would like to see the \$20 fee waived for the Youth Commission at our June 24th Doggie-Rama event. Whatever monies they collect goes back into the Commission. The Youth Commission works closely with the Park Commission and other Township groups and does a lot for them.

06-040 – Approval of Waiving Fee

Okasinski/Keenan motion to waive the \$20 fee for the Youth Commission at Doggie-Rama. Approved.

- *Tour of YWCA Facility:* On March 22 a special meeting was held to tour the YWCA facility. The Y is willing to lease to P&R the majority of their building and they are looking for quick action. There are other potential sites available at this time. Tom suggests a feasibility study to determine the best location and course of action. Discussion includes the possibility of a bond for acquisition of a new site for P&R.
- *Drop-in Fee for Fitness Classes:* Theresa states that she has been asked by our fitness instructors and students about the possibility of a drop-in fee for classes. Our classes breakdown to \$5 per class so a drop-in fee would be \$7 per class. Discussion continues and Theresa suggests looking at the possibility of this beginning with our fall sessions.

06-041 – Approval of Drop-In Fee

Evich/Okasinski motion to try a drop-in fee for fitness classes to see if it entices more people to sign up for a full session. Approved.

Department Report

- *Burgess:* Theresa states that our cheer classes begin tomorrow and it is full. Gymnastics is doing well although our preschool drawing program was canceled due to lack of participation. Theresa is coordinating the summer playground program with Tom. P&R will offer week-long camps new this year for cheer, gymnastics and karate. Plans for the spray park are going well. Every season there are problems in our parks and Theresa would like a list of top 10 dos & don'ts for all 13 parks. This way if there are signs with park rules, the police can enforce them.
- *O'Connor:* Tom's primary focus is the brochure. He feels our numbers will increase if we can get a quality brochure to the public.

Commissioners' Report

- *Keenan:* John states that this is a good time if funds are available to purchase a building due to the market. John feels very strongly about being aggressive for funding from Wayne County.
- *Schroeder:* Diana states that Doggie-Rama is going well and questions the possibility of having a sanitation worker come in for building security during the event. Diana would like Tom to speak with Supervisor Handy regarding having his company sponsor a best trick contest where the winner can be on next year's brochure for dog licenses. In the 2005 budget proposal, a \$10 per meeting raise for

the Parks Commission was included. This was never implemented. Rational was the Township's fiscal condition. Hopefully now that raises have been implemented for all non-union positions and the Township's Board of Trustees our raise should be reconsidered.

- Evich: Laura states that it is nice to see a Trustee at a meeting. She is very excited about being the bunny for our Bunny Brunch this Saturday. Laura mentions the possibility of a fence donation to expand the size of the skate park.
- Dodd: Kevin visited Lansing with the Planning & Site Committees regarding funding and there is a lot out there. We need to coordinate with two or more communities to get funds. Kevin states it is unreal what is out there and he thinks we should pursue them.
- Okasinski: Maureen thanks Diana for all her work on Doggie-Rama as she really appreciates it. Maureen would like to hear about the MRPA conference from Mike and Theresa at the next meeting.
- Offman: Steve nothing at this time.

06-042 – Approval of Park Bills

Evich/Schroeder motion to approve the bills as presented: Recreation – \$3,123.73; Parks Maintenance - \$1,626.41. Roll Call: Dodd, Evich, Keenan, Offman, Okasinski, Schroeder – Yes. Approved.

Communication

N/A

Citizen Comments

Trustee Kobylarz was glad she attended the meeting and will try to get to more of them.

06-043 – Adjournment

Dodd/Evich motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Diana Schroeder, Corresponding Secretary

Recorded by: Lee Cox