

Charter Township of Redford

Parks Commission Meeting

March 24, 2008

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Park Commission was called to order March 24, 2008 by the Chair at 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Chair, Maureen Okasinski
Secretary, John Keenan
Treasurer, Laura Weaver
Commissioner, Steve Offman
Commissioner, Kevin Dodd
Commissioner Diana Brang-Schroeder

Absent: Commissioner Saira Comerford, Youth Commissioner Suzanne Vulaj

Also present: Tom O'Connor, Debbie Break, Karen Jackett, Krissy Muntian, Melanie Myles, Emily Ambrose, Justin Sandelin, Megan O'Grady, Amanda Miley, Ashle Miracle, Ariel Hovey, Jasmime Jones, Candi Lucas, Ross Holme, Cameron Lucas, Myia Davis, Bobby Trotter, Amanda Beeler, Steven Muszynski, Daniel Croft, Mike Cross, Len Lemans and Kyle Peldier.

08-046 Approval of Agenda: Motion made by WEAVER, supported by OFFMAN, to approve the Agenda. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

08-047 Approval of Minutes: Motion made by WEAVER, supported by KEENAN, to approve the minutes from March 10, 2008. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0 Absent 2

Citizen Comments: The students present at the meeting expressed a desire for a swimming pool.

New Business:

- **Office Coverage:** Commissioner Okasinski was informed a customer came to the Parks & Rec. office on March 20 in the afternoon to sign-up for a class and no one was in the office. Tom O'Connor stated Scott Gray and Jan Porkorny have been doing a good job in covering the office while being so short staffed that week. He didn't know what happened that day. Perhaps the staff was just gone for a few minutes to take care of business in the youth end of the building, but for the most part the office is being covered.

Old Business:

- **Concerts in the Park Anniversary:** Commissioner Weaver will wait until Mike Curle returns and work with him on the Anniversary arrangements.

- **Ball Diamond Improvements:** Commissioner Keenan reported everything is moving along nicely with the dugout replacements. He thinks all the fields will be able to be done. All the materials, concrete and labor are ready and waiting for the weather to break. The build date is currently set for April 5th. The actual building will be done by contractors, but volunteers would be accepted. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jim Karker at (734) 718-9943. Mr. Karker's father just passed away last week, so Commissioner Keenan has been trying to give him some space until the weather breaks.

Department Report:

- **Tom O'Connor:** The past week was a difficult one being so short staffed, but everyone got through it. Scott Gray is stepping up and Jan Porkorny has been a big help. Mike Curle may be back by April 14th. Theresa has had her baby boy and mother and son are both doing fine. Kevin McCoy will be taking down the outdoor ice rink tomorrow when he returns from vacation.

Commissioners' Report:

- **Commissioner Offman:** Good to be back.
- **Commissioner Weaver:** Sorry she didn't get to play the Easter Bunny this year, but she was thrilled to see her son graduate from the Parris Island Marine Camp.
- **Commissioner Dodd:** Was disappointed the Park Commission was not mentioned in the Observer article on the proposed boardwalk along Five Mile road leading to Bell Creek Park. The idea was first proposed up by the Park Commission. Quote "A child miseducated is a child lost", by John F. Kennedy.
- **Commissioner Keenan:** Nothing to report.
- **Commissioner Okasinski:** A thank you to Commissioner Keenan for writing the support letter for the grant to help pay to build the bridge over to Bell Creek Park.
- **Commissioner Brang-Schroeder:** Apologized for being late. She and children attended the Bunny Brunch and had a great time. They also attended the Jaycee's Easter Egg Hunt. Inserts will be going into the water bills regarding Doggie Rama. The dog who won the best trick contest last year will be featured on the Rabies & Vaccination flyer. She is also taking an event planning class through Parks & Recreation.

Park Bills

08-048 Motion was made by OFFMAN supported by BRANG-SCHROEDER to approve the Park's bills for 75100 Recreation and 75200 Maintenance. All ayes. Motion carried: 5-0
Absent 2

Communication: None

08-049 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by OFFMAN, supported by WEAVER. All ayes. Motion carried:
5-0 Absent 2

Respectfully submitted by Mr. John Keenan, Corresponding Secretary

Approved as Council

Recording Secretary: Debbie Break

John J. Keenan