

The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Parks Commission was called to order on May 8, 2023 by Vice-Chairman Smith 6:00 PM.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Commissioner Kip Smith, Commissioner Sheila Newton, Commissioner Stephen Gierak, Commissioner Jeff Kangas, Commissioner Bill McSween and Commissioner Debra Legleitner.

**Absent:** Commissioner Herbst

### **Approval of Agenda**

**23-31 Motion:** was made by Gierak supported by McSween to approve the agenda with moving New business rental approval in front of unfinished business for the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023. All ayes, Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**23-32 Motion:** was made by Legleitner supported by Newton to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2023. All ayes Motion Carried.

### **New Business:**

- 1.) Rental approval: Head- Ms. Head was required to come in front of the Commission in regards to wanting to rent Claude Allison on 5/13/23. Their rental last year there were several cars that drove and were parked on the pathway, which is against the Township policy. Ms. Head also stated to staff that she never reads the park rules that are given to her. Commission discussed and Ms. Head stated this will not happen again and that all policies will be followed.

**23-33 Motion:** was made by Legleitner, supported by Newton to allow Ms. Heads rental for 5/13 with ensuring that all of the Parks Rules and policies are being complied with. All Ayes, motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

- 1.) Rec Center Update: A&E RFP to go out for bid will go in front of the Township board on the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and if approved posted on Thursday.
- 2.) Kraft Parking Lot: This will be on the May 9<sup>th</sup> Township Board meeting for approval. Director Stokes spoke with Finance Director Bonarek and there is enough money in the capital set aside for this project and will not need to take any out of the current budget capital.
- 3.) Ballfield Discussion: Director Stokes stated that the dugouts will cost \$6200 and would like Commissions input on to do now or wait since the Little League is using that field only on a rare occasion. There are no other users for that field and to continue to spend money to improve the field at this time when it is not being used does not seem fiscally responsible.

**23-34 Motion:** was made by Legleitner, supported by Newton to wait on the dugouts and revisit at a later date. All ayes, motion carried.

- 4.) Memorial Bench Requests: Director Stokes brought forward the bench and plaque approval for a memorial bench for Starlette Burrell from AKA at Ashcroft park under the small shade area in the garden. She was a great asset to the organization and working with the Township.

**23-35 Motion:** was made by Legleitner, supported by Newton to approve the memorial bench and plaque. All ayes, motion carried.

- 5.) Memorial Tree Planting- Ashcroft: The ceremony in memory of Melinda went well.

**Citizens Comments: None**

**Department Report:** Director Stokes updated on events. The Redford Dance recital will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> if any commissioners would like to attend, please let her know. We are in the process of hiring 3 seasonals- one returning and 2 new. We have to wait until one has completed high school as it is a busy time of year. Playground program is currently full, we will open up the list if we can hire additional staff. Keeping an eye on Kraft Park, there was a resident that contacted Supervisor McRae in regards to people creating issues- the chief was notified and will keep an eye on it. Waiting on playground installs from miss dig- Director Stokes asked the Recreation Supervisor to check again on if the ticket had been completed.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Newton: None

Commissioner Smith: Perennial exchange will be Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am at the Marquee

Commissioner Gierak: Would like to thank staff for assisting with his memorial rental

Commissioner McSween: Will not be at the next meeting, he will be out of town.

Commissioner Legleitner: Saw some complaints on facebook in regards to garbage being left by the cricket club. Other people saying no issues. Director Stokes will send an email to club to send to their teams and ensure things are being cleaned up. Staff have not reported any cleaning issues there.

Commissioner Herbst: Absent

Commissioner Kangas: Went to RL3 t-ball opening game for his grandson at Manning and went well.

**Review Current Parks Bills: None**

**Adjournment:** with no further business meeting adjourned by Commissioner Herbst at 6:42pm

Respectfully submitted,

  
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JEFF KANGAS, REDFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION