

The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Parks Commission was called to order on August 28, 2023 by Vice-Chairman Smith at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Kip Smith, Commissioner Bill McSween, Commissioner Jeff Kangas, , Commissioner Stephen Gierak, and Commissioner Deb Legleitner.

Absent: Commissioner Adrian Herbst, Commissioner Shiela Newton

Approval of Agenda

23-57 Motion: was made by Legleitner supported by Gierak to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 28, 2023. All ayes, Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

23-58 Motion: was made by Legleitner supported by McSween to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2023 with corrections. All ayes Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

- 1.) Rec Center Update: Director Stokes report: Continuing with Design, reminder there will be a Special Meeting on August 29th at 5:30pm to discuss the current design and options. She would encourage and like the Commission to attend the meeting as well.
- 2.) Kraft Parking Lot: Still on target, there was some small adjustments that needed to be made due to the ground stableness as they were digging up the parking lot. This was not able to be seen until they were digging, so they added additional base.
- 3.) State Budget Funding Project Discussion: Director Stokes spoke on the upcoming design of the Recreation Center and the amphitheater that would keep some of the land as green/park space. She asked the Commission if they would like to support the idea of the amphitheater and the use of some of the State funding that was just received based on the estimate.

23-59 Motion: was made by Legleitner, supported by Kangas to support the outdoor amphitheater at the new Recreation Center. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

- 1.) Mitchell- Santa Pictures special event request November 11th: Ms. Mitchell was in attendance and her and her husband have been Santa and Mrs. Clause throughout the community and live here. They would like to give back to the community and do free Santa pictures at Claude Allison Park on November 11th. They will be doing it in two Wayne County Parks as well.

23-60 Motion: was made by Legleitner, supported by McSween to allow the Mitchells to offer pictures with Santa on November 11th at Claude Allison park with no charge. All Ayes, motion carried.

Citizens Comments: Gentleman came in asking about the basketball hoops at Kraft Park and that they are taken down in the winter, what can be done to keep them up. The Department takes down the hoops in the winter along with tennis nets, etc. due to liability with the weather, ice etc. They are put back up as soon as the weather breaks in the spring, similar to surrounding communities.

Department Report: Director Stokes report: All going well, the brochure is being finalized and will be online the end of August and out to homes mid- September. Dance programs are starting up again for the year as well. Lots of special events and activities being planned, Director Stokes will get the list to the Commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Newton: Absent

Commissioner Smith: None

Commissioner Gierak: None

Commissioner McSween: None

Commissioner Legleitner: The concert series went well, people really like the food trucks- were missing them the last couple of weeks.

Commissioner Herbst: Absent

Commissioner Kangas: None

Review Current Parks Bills:

- Director Stokes will look into a duplicate invoice that was on the warrant list, she believes this was due to the vendor losing their check and will email the commissioners.
- Question on the water usage for the Splashpad: Director Stokes stated there will be another bill for the splashpad, that was just through 7/31. We also expanded the days this year, which is why we budgeted additional funds in this line item.

23-61 Motion: was made by Legleitner, supported by Gierak to approve the park bills. Roll call vote, Ally Ayes, motion carried.

Communication: NONE

Adjournment: with no further business meeting adjourned by Commissioner Smith at 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted,



JEFF KANGAS, REDFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION