

The Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Redford Parks Commission was called to order on October 9, 2023 by Chairman Herbst at 6:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance**Roll Call**

Present: Commissioner Kip Smith, Commissioner Bill McSween, Commissioner Stephen Gierak, Commissioner Sheila Newton, Commissioner Deb Legleitner, Commissioner Adrian Herbst and Commissioner Jeff Kangas

Approval of Agenda

23-68 Motion: was made by Legleitner supported by McSween to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 9, 2023. All ayes, Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

23-69 Motion: was made by McSween supported by Newton to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2023. All ayes Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

- 1.) **Rec Center Update:** Director Stokes updated the Commission on the Recreation Center progress. Currently the Township is in the Design Development phase and will be working on going room to room with design, furniture etc. Question on the parking area for SMART, Director Stokes will follow up with Director Dennis on the agreement that is currently in place.
- 2.) **Kraft Parking Lot:** Director Stokes stated the project is almost complete, they are reworking the bioswail nature area to make it smaller and shallower. The project is looking really good, they will be adding a natural split rail fence around the sides and the back by the field to keep people out of the area. The front by the parking lot will have boulders.
- 3.) **Budgets 24/25-** Discussion continued from the Special Meeting. Director Stokes will be adding in budget numbers for the Commission to approve at the next meeting- based on discussion. All of the Directors need to submit budgets to the Township Superintendent and Finance Director no later than October 31st. Director Stokes will try to set up a meeting with Redford Union building maintenance director and the athletic supervisor to see plans for their baseball/softball and tennis programs for the upcoming year as their facility is undergoing renovations.
- 4.) **Trail and Treat:** October 30th the commission would like some trinkets and treat bags to give away at the Leisure Services table. Director Stokes will work with Sam to get everything for the event table.

New Business:

- 1.) Lavoy: Family Photos Handy Park October 15, 2023 request. Ms. Lavoy is a local business woman and would like to give back to the community by offering free family photos this upcoming weekend. They submitted their special event form.

23-70 Motion: Smith, 2nd by Newton to approve the use of Handy Shelter no charge for a free family photo event. All Ayes, motion carried.

- 2.) Parks Usage by organized groups- requirements: Director Stokes brought to the attention that a swim club has been utilizing that field/tennis courts for practices. She has sent them in email in regards to policies and organized teams needing to rent the area and insurance. They have not responded at this point. She had spoken to them previously as well.
- 3.) Trail and Treat: October 30th: Once again Leisure Services will be partnering with the Redford Jaycees on Trail and Treat. Director Burgess would love any commissioners that can help to come out to the event.

Citizens Comments: None

Department Report: Director Stokes report: Currently working on the Recreation Center with weekly meetings, going through budgets for Department to submit by the deadline and working on the Claude Cell Tower negotiations. All classes are going really well for fall, a lot of the winter classes are starting to fill up as well. The next event will be the chili cookoff being held in conjunction with the last Market at the Marquee for the season. Currently they are still looking for additional entries.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Newton: None

Commissioner Smith: Had a resident inquire about youth basketball, Director Stokes gave the information for RTJAA to pass along.

Commissioner Gierak: None

Commissioner McSween: None

Commissioner Legleitner: The new signage at the Fitness Court looks nice.

Commissioner Herbst: Apologized for the absences during the summer. Inquired on the dog park, the Department is still waiting on the water department for the drainage fix and they have been swamped. Director Stokes would really like to get this completed and will look into a contractor for this. Also for next season, a request from MSBL if we can get a 3inch line chalker, it helps with the longevity of the lines throughout the night. He also wanted to compliment the staff for a great job this summer, they received a lot of compliments from the league. Director Stokes will pass the information along to Chris who has been doing the field.

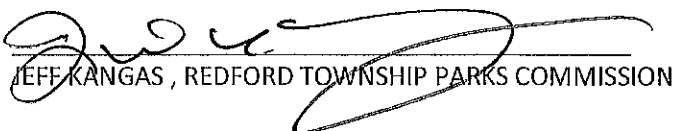
Commissioner Kangas: None

Review Current Parks Bills: NONE

Communication: NONE

Adjournment: with no further business meeting adjourned by Commissioner Herbst at 6:34pm

Respectfully submitted,


JEFF KANGAS, REDFORD TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION