



PARKS & RECREATION

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION

Regular Meeting – September 27, 2010

Old Township Hall

7:30 p.m.

ADOPTED MINUTES

1) CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Superior Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at Old Township Hall by the Chair, Jan Berry.

2) ROLL CALL: Lansing, Kern-Boprie, Wilbanks, Berry, Morris, Allen, Hillman

PRESENT: Kern-Boprie, Lansing, Wilbanks, Berry, Allen, Morris

ABSENT: Hillman

STAFF: Keith Lockie, Parks Administrator, Alex Williams, Township Liaison and Greg Secord, Maintenance Supervisor were also in attendance.

3) FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Berry

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Wilbanks supported by Morris that the agenda be approved.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF

It was moved by Wilbanks, supported by Allen, that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2010 be corrected and accepted. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

6) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

7) TOWNSHIP LIAISON

From attending the last Board meeting, Williams reported that the bond re-financing for the Utility Department went through. He also stated that the Township is going to decline participating in a sewer line connection between Salem and Ypsilanti Township. Ordinance 179 will go into effect in May, 2011 to control growth around residences, if needed the money will be added to the offending resident's taxes to keep the property mowed. Williams made us aware of County Clean-Up Day which is taking place on October 16, 2010. The Washtenaw County Road Commission is still evaluating the roundabout on Plymouth Road.

8) REPORTS

A. Chairperson:

Berry talked about the vandalism and attempted removal of one of the Conrad Taylor memorial benches at Oakbrook Park. Secord explained how he would secure the benches in the future. The bench is temporarily stored at Old Town Hall. Berry also mentioned that there had been some vandalism at Schroeter Park by someone taking a vehicle through the park grounds. Berry announced that the Eagle Scout, Tyler Allum, who did the trail project at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve has some money left over that he is going to donate to the Commission to be used for Cherry Hill Nature Preserve projects. Lastly, Berry noted the excellent job that the maintenance staff was doing with the culverts in the Cherry Hill Nature Preserve.

B. Administrator:

Attached to these minutes.

C. Board Meeting Attendees:

Morris mentioned that there was a four percent increase in the Washtenaw County Sheriff contract passed at the last Board meeting. She also made the Commission aware of the Recycling Meeting taking place October 16, 2010.

D. Park Steward:

None

E. Safety:

Secord reported that there had been no injuries in the last month.

Wilbanks moved, supported by Morris, to accept the Reports. The motion carried.

9) COMMUNICATIONS

Attached to this report.

Kern-Boprie moved, supported by Morris, to accept the Communications. The motion carried.

10) OLD BUSINESS

A. **SIGNS** – Secord was unable to get estimates and will know more at the next meeting about prices for the new signs.

B. **DEAD ASH TREES IN CHERRY HILL NATURE PRESERVE** – Secord cleared many of the ash trees at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve and is tagging the ones that will be removed by Evergreen Tree Service at a later date.

11) NEW BUSINESS

A. **NORFOLK TREE** – There has been a complaint lodged about a tree that is leaning at Norfolk Park. Secord had three evaluations and they all determined that the tree, a red oak, is stable and presents no danger to the surrounding area.

B. **NORFOLK FOUNTAIN** – Secord thinks that the fountain at Norfolk Park should be removed or repaired. Morris recommended keeping an active spigot at the park and removing the fountain.

C. **PARTY STORE BUILDING** – The party store on MacArthur burned and the store is empty and closed. Supervisor McFarlane has discussed the possibility of purchasing the building for library and parks use. It would be beneficial for the Township per Berry because the crime rate has dropped since the store's closing and it would be an excellent spot from which to serve the community.

12) BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Allen moved, supported by Berry, to pay the bills totaling \$4,356.35 (four thousand three hundred fifty-six dollars and thirty-five cents). The motion carried unanimously.

13) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Wilbanks moved, supported by Allen, to accept the August, 2010 Financial Statements. The motion carried unanimously.

14) PLEAS AND PETITIONS –

Kern-Boprie suggested holding a pumpkin carving event at Norfolk Park on 10/23/10 because we had Recreation money left.

15) ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Wilbanks supported by Kern-Boprie that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Allen, Secretary