

SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
February 27, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Adopted Minutes

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at ~~7:00~~ **7:30** p.m. by Chair Jan Berry.
- II. Roll Call
Park Commissioners present: Jan Berry, Terry Lee Lansing, Marion Morris, Sandi Lopez, Dan Allen, Martha Kern-Boprie

Park Commissioners absent: Uva Wilbanks

Others present: Alex Williams, Township Trustee; Keith Lockie, Parks Administrator; Greg Secord, Maintenance Supervisor; Jill Morey, Ypsilanti District Library Executive Director; Carla Bisaro
- III. Flag Salute
Chair Jan Berry led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- IV. Agenda Approval
It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Terry Lee Lansing that the agenda be approved with the addition of (B) Easter Egg Hunt in New Business. The motion carried.
- V. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
A. January 23, 2012
It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Marion Morris that the minutes of January 23, 2012 be approved with spelling corrections. The motion carried.
- VI. Citizen Participation
None
- VII. Board Liaison Report
Township Trustee Alex Williams reported on two Township Board meetings held since the last Park Commission meeting.
2/18/12 Special Meeting concerning the Consent Judgment for Heritage Academy.
2/21/12 Regular Meeting – 2012 Road Commission projects will be discussed and voted on at the 4/16/12 township board meeting. Board of Review will meet on March 12, 13, 15 from noon to 7:00 p.m. each day to hear appeals of property tax assessments. The Dixboro Village open air market will take place on “The Green” each Friday evening from May through October. A parcel on the east side of Harris Road between Geddes and MacArthur is a potential site for a branch library.
- VIII. Parks Reports
A. Chairperson – The CHNP Steward encountered cross-country runners in CHNP. The runners indicated they like to run in this park. Chair Jan Berry suggested organizing and promoting a cross-country run through CHNP.

B. Administrator – Keith Lockie submitted his report in writing.
The Parks Five Year Plan was approved by the Township Board at their 2/21/12 meeting. The plan is at the printer now. Once printed copies are available, the Five Year Plan will be submitted to the State of Michigan and to SEMCOG.

Maintenance – Staff are currently working on renovating remaining picnic tables and the sign for North Prospect Park.

The Superior Land Preservation Society (SLPS) donated \$100.00 to the Parks Department in January. SLPS also signed a building use agreement for use of Old Township Hall in 2012.

C. Board Meeting Attendee – Sandi Lopez attended the 2/21/12 Township Board meeting. She reported pre-audit financial reports had no problems with the Park Fund. The Park Commission may want to place a conservation easement on the Fairfax Parcel.

D. Park Steward – No report.

E. Safety – No safety problems or accidents.

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Sandi Lopez to receive the reports. The motion carried.

IX. Communications

- A. Thank you letter to Superior Land Preservation Society for their \$100 donation
- B. Memo from Chair Jan Berry to Township Board of Trustees regarding Parks Five Year Plan
- C. Email from John Copley regarding CHNP Controlled Burn Proposal provided by Dave Borneman, LLC
- D. 2012 Superior Land Preservation Society Building Use Agreement for Old Township Hall
- E. Parks Building Design concepts

It was moved by Sandi Lopez and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to receive the Communications. The motion carried.

X. Old Business

A. Joint Venture with Ypsilanti District Library

Jill Morey, Executive Director of the Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) discussed plans the YDL board has for a new branch library in Superior Township. The YDL is negotiating to purchase a 12 acre parcel on the east side of Harris Road between Geddes Road and MacArthur Blvd from Willow Run Community School district. YDL seeks to collaborate with the Park Commission on use and financing of a facility there. Their present concept is a 6,000 square foot structure. Ms. Morey asked Park Commissioners ~~was~~ **what** uses they propose at the library. Park Commissioners suggested an after-school program including tutoring, arts, story time and also creative writing and performance art programs. Park Commissioners agreed to refine their proposal into writing and convey it to YDL.

B. Proposed Township Park May Event

Carla Bisaro of The Committee to Promote Superior Township (CPST) addressed the Park Commission to propose an event for children. CPST would provide materials and assist with staffing the event. CPST was especially interested in helping with a camp type program. After discussion, Park Commissioners agreed on a planting event at Oakbrook or Fireman's Park during May. Tentative plans include plantings in the park, as well as small individual plants that children can take home in pots.

XI. New Business

A. 2012 Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP) Controlled Burn

Dave Borneman, LLC proposed two controlled burns of similar acreage burned in 2010 for \$3,600. If only the larger portion of this total acreage were burned, the price is \$3,250.

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Dan Allen to retain Dave Borneman, LLC to conduct a controlled burn of the entire area proposed in his email dated 2/13/12, for a price not to exceed \$3,600.

A roll call vote was taken.

Marion Morris	Yes
Sandi Lopez	Yes
Jan Berry	Yes
Terry Lee Lansing	Yes
Dan Allen	Yes
Martha Kern-Boprie	Yes
Uva Wilbanks	Absent

The motion carried.

B. Easter Egg Hunt

Dan Allen will organize the Easter Egg Hunt this year. The event will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 11:00 am in Fireman's Park near the Library. Volunteers ~~shew~~ **should** arrive by 10:00 am to set up the egg hunt. Children can decorate treat bags before the hunt to hold the eggs they find.

XII. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Dan Allen and supported by Sandi Lopez to pay the bills for a total of \$755.26. The motion carried.

XIII. Financial Statements

It was moved by Dan Allen and supported by Terry Lee Lansing to receive the 1/31/12 Financial Statements. The motion carried.

IXV. Pleas & Petitions

Marion Morris commented that the 40 acre parcel south of Schroeter Park will be reviewed by the Washtenaw County Land Preservation committee later this year, because it contains valuable plants.

XV. Adjournment

It was moved by Dan Allen and supported by Marion Morris to adjourn at 8:30 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,
Martha Kern-Boprie, Park Commissioner and Secretary