

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
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**Held at
Farview Park
6257 138th Avenue**

October 17, 2007

**6:45 PM
Pat Kammeraad Plaque Dedication**

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Michelle Sall called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Sall, Chuck Strabbing, Linda Howell, Karen Simmons, Ray Buursma

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelly DeWitt, Laura Canaan

STAFF PRESENT: Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the September 19, 2007 meeting. Following discussion, the minutes were approved as submitted.

ARTICLE III. TREASURER'S REPORT - - Chuck Strabbing

Treasurer Chuck Strabbing reviewed the bills to be paid as of September 2007. Maintenance: Advantage Building Maintenance - \$110.00, Veldhof Septic - \$315.00,

Heavener Property Services - \$4,120.00; Engineering: Prein & Newhof - \$1283.00; Contracted Services: CCC Resources – Pat Meyer - \$750.00, Consumers Energy - \$50.00, Gene Teusink - \$155.00; Capital Outlay: Pat Meyer - \$281.18; Electricity - \$8.00. Following discussion, the Treasurer’s Report was filed.

Treasurer Chuck Strabbing reported that the budget is at 49.6%.

ARTICLE IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Ray Buursma noted receiving a request from Dave Vander Sluis to have his Cadet group come out to repair the bridges at Farview Park. He will work with Dave on scheduling the date and time for this community service event.

ARTICLE V. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

ARTICLE VI. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORT

Michelle Sall reviewed notes from Al Meshkin and Pat Meyer in regards to several open topics. The Huyser Farm sign will not be placed until details of the driveway improvements are in place. The final cost of the Parks Brochure has not been determined yet. Improvements on the ODC planning methods need to be reviewed to better utilize the relationship and opportunities with this partnership. Al Meshkin has not received the final drawing for the Huyser Farm driveway improvements. He will follow up with David Beattie on the Parks Brochure.

Michelle Sall noted that the DNR has requested another public hearing for the approval of the 5-Year Parks Plan. Al Meshkin has sent out the notices and it is scheduled for the November meeting.

ARTICLE VII. ON GOING BUSINESS

A. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT - No report.

B. HUYSER DRIVE

Per Al Meshkin, the concrete is being processed and he will provide a further update at the November meeting.

C. OLD TOWNSHIP HALL MOVE

Per Pat Meyer, the quote from Laraway remains to be the most reasonable price. More discussion on this will occur at the November meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. ICE RINK BUILDING

The Debt Crew has prepared the space for the ice rink. Pat Meyer has made arrangements with Chief Cal Haverdink to have the water poured on November 17th. This will be a scheduled workday in order to assist with the final preparation for the rink.

B. MEMORIAL FOR HUYSER FARM

Michelle Sall suggested placing a memorial in the circle of the drive in the model of a compass. Michelle provided copies of the proposed structure and also mentioned allowing citizens to purchase pavers in support of the project. Michelle asked the Commission to give thought to this idea and/or others. Michelle will resend the picture to the Commission. Several suggestions were made and considered for what type of memorial and the timing of its installment. This will be further discussed at the November meeting when more details are available on the driveway improvements.

C. GRILL FOR FARVIEW PARK

Linda Howell mentioned placing a grill at Farview Park. Following discussion, **a motion was made by Linda Howell and seconded by Karen Simmons to approve an expenditure of \$500.00 to place a grill at Farview Park. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IX. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Linda Howell mentioned in her conversation with Glenn Heavener, he stated that he would brush hog at Huyser Farm one more time this year at no charge.

Chuck Strabbing stated that he had a conversation with Melanie Good from the West Michigan Conservatory about following up with Pat Meyer concerning the installation of more trails and trail markers at Huyser Farm.

ARTICLE X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ARTICLE XI. ASSIGNMENTS

Ray Buursma - Coordinate a workday with Dave Vander Sluis for the repair of bridges at Huyser Farm.

Chuck Strabbing – Follow up with Pat Meyer about working with Melanie Good relative to trails at Huyser Farm.

Michelle Sall – Request that Al Meshkin work on getting a grill placed at Farview Park.