

PROPOSED MINUTES
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
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November 18, 2009

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Howell called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Howell, Karen Simmons, Chuck Strabbing, Bill Snyder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Sall

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager
Diane Ybarra – Recording Secretary

ARTICLE II. CITIZEN COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

Al Meshkin reported receiving an inquiry from Saugatuck Township resident John Prada concerning the private property signs at the Laketown Beach.

Al Meshkin reported receiving a request for a dumpster receptacle from the Eagle Scout working on the Goshorn Lake project. Chef Container will deliver one to the site.

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission members reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved with the correction noted by Chuck Strabbing.

ARTICLE IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Chuck Strabbing reviewed the bills to be paid as of October 2009. Maintenance: Veldhof Septic Service - \$260.00, Advantage Building Maintenance - \$110.00; Salaries: Nick Otting - \$885.00, Michelle Sall - \$180.00, Karen Simmons - \$180.00, Chuck Strabbing - \$210.00, Linda Howell - \$225.00, Bill Snyder - \$120.00; Contracted Services: Joyce Teusink - \$150.00, Allegan County Sheriff's Department - \$126.00, Allegan County Health Department - \$250.00; Supplies: Karen Simmons - \$76.22, Joyce Teusink - \$7.15, Graafschap Hardware - \$17.56, Overisel Lumber - \$42.59, Menards Holland - \$365.98; Capital Outlay: Branderhorst Construction Inc. - \$5,040.00, Heavener Property Services - \$580.50; Electricity: Consumer's Energy - \$19.66.

Following discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Chuck Strabbing explained that the dollars are decreasing.

ARTICLE V. TOWNSHIP REPORTS

a. Staff

i. Al Meshkin

1. Dirt project update – Al explained the Township Board approved the additional expenditure for the movement of the dirt and excavating. Al inquired with the HBPW for funding support but was declined. Linda Howell asked how much longer dirt will be delivered. Al responded that he was uncertain how much longer it would be. Karen Simmons if we could get more than the original amount agreed upon. Linda asked that Al contact the HBPW to see if they would continue to deliver through the winter.
2. Deer Hunting at Huyser Farm – Al has not received any feedback on the hunters nor has Karen Simmons.
3. King Property at Laketown Beach – Al provided information from the Township Attorney relative to the prescriptive easement and potential options. Linda Howell stated that there is a case underway right now in the courts debating this very same topic.
4. Solar Lighting for Huyser Farm – Al will research options.

5. Ice Rink – Al reported that the water did not hold in the on the basketball court. He has ordered a liner to place on top of the concrete.

ii. Nick Otting – Not Available

1. Pre-Winter Projects – Al Meshkin reported that the Huyser Farm building demolition project is almost complete.

iii. Township Board Report - Chuck Strabbing

1. Chuck reported that he attended the meeting and noted that very few people are in favor of relocating the old Township Hall to the Huyser Farm. Bill Snyder asked if the building would be left where it is if not moved.

ARTICLE VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRILL POLES AT WOLTERS

Chuck Strabbing tried to remove the grills from the poles and was unable to do so. The grills are rusted and the poles firmly set in concrete. He suggested having Heavener remove them and completely replace. He questioned how much they are used and expressed concern about the proximity to the woods and the fact that there is no water nearby. Linda Howell stated that she has not ever seen anyone use the grills. Al Meshkin stated that he does have pricing for new grills. Chuck suggested that they be placed closer to the pavilion or not replace them at all. He feels that visitors could bring their own grills.

Following discussion, it was decided that the grills will be removed and not replaced.

B. TRASH RECEPTACLES AT SHORE ACRES PARK – No update.

C. PORT O POTTY

It was decided that a unit would be left at Huyser Farm for the winter. Chuck Strabbing asked if there is a unit at Sanctuary Woods. Al responded that it is on Nick's list but has not yet been done and Al will follow up with him. A pad of concrete will be placed prior to the installation. Al commented that the park was designed to hide the parking lot but it invites vandalism and misuse. It was suggested that the unit be placed on the west side of the parking lot. Karen Simmons feels it should be closer to the road and further from the

natural park area. Al suggested that the Commissioners visit the site and come back with a recommendation. Linda suggested putting it near the dumpsters.

ARTICLE VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. CUB SCOUT PROJECT

Linda Howell asked for suggestions for scout projects appropriate for 9-year old boys. A local resident pack leader is asking for opportunities. Linda suggested pulling garlic mustard weeds at one of the parks in the spring. Is there something for this time of the year? Chuck Strabbing suggested clearing the leaves on the bridges at Farview Park and also clearing the trails there. Placing trail markers may also be an option. Linda will copy Chuck Strabbing on the email response to the pack leader.

B. SHARED-USE PATH

Linda Howell asked for clarification of the ordinance that was noted in the Sentinel.

C. DECEMBER MEETING

Chuck Strabbing asked if a meeting should be held in December.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Chuck Strabbing and seconded by Karen Simmons to not hold a meeting in December. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2010 at 7:00 P.M to be held at the Township Hall. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

ARTICLE X. ASSIGNMENTS

Al --

1. Follow up with Nick on the placement of the cement pad for the port'o'potty at Sanctuary Woods.
2. Research solar lighting for Huyser Farm.

3. Contact the HBPW to determine if additional dirt can be delivered to the Township Hall site during the winter when the ground has hardened.
4. Contact Heavener to remove the grills.