

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
HELD AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

November 20, 2019  
Regular Meeting  
6:00 P.M. at Township Hall

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Tom Shuff called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Simmons, Tom Shuff, Kathleen Dearborn,  
Ellen Fitch, Dick Becker

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Fitch seconded by Simmons to approve the October 16, 2019 minutes as written. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT

The bills to be paid as of October 2019 were reviewed. Maintenance: Jon’s to Go \$443.10, Capital One Commercial - \$24.25, Heavener - \$468.10, Republic Services #24 - \$435.24, Jason Schrottenboer - \$1,000.00; Contracted Services: John Kunkel - \$150.00; Supplies: Overisel Lumber - \$49.99; Electricity: Consumers Energy - \$106.66; Salaries: \$975.00, Robert Jerow - \$155.00; Taxes: 86.44.

Following discussion, **a motion was made by Fitch and seconded by Becker to approve the Treasurer’s Reports as submitted for the month of October. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. PRESENTATION BY ODC NETWORK

Dan Callum and Joy Funk gave an in-depth presentation on the many activities of the Outdoor Discovery Center Network.

ARTICLE V. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS – no report

ARTICLE VI. STAFF REPORTS – MESHKIN

Meshkin reported on Brett Gram’s activities in the parks. Fitch reported on Allegan United Way work for Day of Caring at Farview Park.

ARTICLE VII. HUYSER CARETAKER REPORT – Sirko

Sirko reported she has busy traveling and not over to the farm lately. Simmons reported one of the bridges needs repair.

ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKS WELCOMING SIGNS

This item will be tabled until the next meeting. Meshkin will resend information from Dearborn on possible sign language.

B. WORK AREAS IN PARKS WITH WIFI

This item will be discussed further in the spring.

ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION

Shuff presented the resolution to the commission. He felt it was important for the parks Commission to go on the record. Meshkin read and explained the resolution.

Members discussed the resolution, including whether it was appropriate for them to weigh in on the activities of another committee. **Following discussion, a motion was made by Fitch and seconded by Simmons to adopt the resolution. Shuff called for a vote. Shuff, Fitch, Simmons and Dearborn voted yes. Becker abstained due to his membership on the Planning Commission.**

ARTICLE X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marcia Perry of 6248 Blue Star Highway stated the planning commission welcomes all comments. In the resolution the Parks Commission simply made a request.

Penny Shuff of 4706 Forest Ridge thanked the commission for considering the resolution.

Sherry Sirko of 6397 Hidden Ponds stated she felt it was dangerous for the Parks Commission to meddle in the activities of other boards.

ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Shuff adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.**