

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 25, 2013

Meeting called to order by Mr. Scott Gerlach, Chairman at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Scott Gerlach, Chairman
 Paul Peters, Vice Chairman
 Jennie Urtel, Secretary
 John Bell
 Jason Bibby
 Dean Whitcomb
 John Hicks
 Carl Towne
 Nancy Kessler – unexcused absence
 Chris Doozan, McKenna representative

Approval of October 28, 2013

Voice vote: Ayes Unanimous
 Nays None

Announcements and Communications:

- None

Call to Public:

- Hometown Bicycles presented their “Hometown Mountain Bike Hero Series” to the Board.
 - Would like to hold 4 events in 2014 on the 2nd Saturday of May, June, July and September (May 10, 2014; June 14, 2014; July 12, 2014 and September 13, 2014).
 - Would like to increase the length of the course (map presented) to a 6.55 mile course. Increasing the course would allow for more flexibility in future races or current recreation use. By increasing the course to 6.55 allows for half marathon and marathon length rides (2 laps = half marathon, 4 laps = marathon)
 - Money from event will benefit “Hometown Hero’s”. The proposed Hero’s would be Police, Firefighters, Military and First Responders. The money from registration would be divided equally to the different charities participating in their respective Hero ride. Ride participants could also pledge dollar amounts to the amount of laps they ride that benefit their specific participating charity.
 - There was a concern from Board members as to who the charities would be and if Lyon Township should have approval / knowledge of those charities.
 - There is a concern about bringing in surrounding Communities charities. Should the benefiting charities be “close to home”

- What is the proposed payment to Lyon Township for this ride series? Not known at this time. The Township will get a portion of the Registration fees.
- The September 2013 race fees was in the form of a donation
- John Hicks to speak to Trustees to make sure there on not any overall Township concerns
- PAB can help get contacts for local Hero's for Hometown Bicycle to contact. Hometown Bicycle was having trouble with the Charities taking them seriously for this benefit. Hometown Bicycle is hoping that after the presentation and the PAB support that will help lend credibility to their cause.

Reports:

7a. SLARA update:

- Amy not in attendance

7b. Community Center:

- Patty Carcone will take Steve Fletchers vacated elected official seat on the Committee
- The committee has been reviewing potential site's for the Community Center
- Further discussions regarding the presented concept were discussed. The Committee discussed items they would like see added to the plan and/or items to increase / decrease from the currently proposed layout.
- Salem Township attended the November meeting and is interested in the Committee presenting at their next Township meeting for all Trustees to hear the progress to help determine Salem Township's future participation

7c. Lyon Township items from Rose Case:

- Check received from photographer for \$400.00

7d. PAB Subcommittee's report

7di. Sports Committee

- Lacrosse was not interested in the proposed fees the PAB presented (PAB proposed 1st year fees of \$1,000.00 and 2nd year fees of \$1,300.00). They went direct to Lannie Young to negotiate. Mr. Young approved Lacrosse's original proposal of 1st year fees of \$750.00 and 2nd year fees of \$1,000.00. The overall Contract language was unchanged.
- Panthers – no agreement yet. Will be working on that early 2014.
- South Lyon Junior League – no agreement yet, will be working on that early 2014. The Junior League is very committed to improving the baseball fields with financial support in conjunction with the Township
- There was a concern from multiple members of the PAB as to what the role of the PAB is if the Township Supervisor overrides negotiations.

7dii. Field/Pavilion Fee Structure Committee

- No new updates
- John Dolan is talking with ITC regarding improvements at the 11 Mile / Milford Rd park property similar to their involvement at the Novi Sports Park at 8 Mile / Napier Rd. would include naming rights

7diii Park Rules Ordinances / Sign Committee (John Bell, Jason Bibby, and Dean Whitcomb)

- 4 signs with 4x4 wood post and 4x8 sheet of plywood would cost approx \$1,600.00 each
- John Bell to request formal proposals for PAB review

7div Movies in the Park Subcommittee

- Paul Peters handed out current inventory list
- The equipment is in storage and is secure.
- 1 speaker was found broken, 1 microphone broken, projector is missing – investigating where that might be.
- Movies must be rented from specific company for public viewing. Rental cost range from approx \$250 to \$350. Need to also pay for projector operator. Budget approx \$500 to \$600 to show a movie.
- Carl Towne would like to show a movie in June sponsored by Friends of the Library along with a book read to the children to kick off their summer reading program.
- Would also like to do a movie in July and August, in need of a sponsor.

Approval of Agenda:

- Proposal to move “Approval of Agenda” item to below minutes approval.
- Add to this agenda “disc golf”

Voice vote for moving agenda approval:

Ayes Unanimous

Nays None

Voice vote to approve agenda as amended:

Ayes Unanimous

Nays None

- Add the following item to the December Agenda
 - Add Officer elections to New Business

New Business:

Item 9a – Steve Fletcher replacement

- John Hicks will fill Steve Fletchers vacated seat

Item 9b – Discuss PAB meeting day change

- Meeting day and time need to move to accommodate Planning Commission adding a meeting.
- Agreed upon day / time to be 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. starting in January 2014. Maintain December meeting as published (December 23, 2013)

Voice Vote for meeting day / time change:

Ayes Unanimous

Nays None

Item 9c – disc golf

- Carl Towne is interested in seeing a few holes of disc golf added to Atchison Park. Could Boy Scouts build holes as part of their Community Service?

Old Business:

Item 10a. – Budget discussion

- Waiting for Township Board approval of proposed PAB budget

Item 10c – Discuss park Master Plan

- There will be a focus group on December 3rd at 7:00pm for invited Township residents to participate
- Summerfest dates to be July 17, 18, 19 & 20, 2014. Wade Shows is interested but we must have additional entertainment. There will be a meeting December 5th, 2013 to start organizing. Wade Shows would like to see a theme created for Summerfest

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m.

A voice vote was called: Ayes Unanimous

Nays None

Respectfully submitted

Jennifer Urtel
PAB Secretary