

Charter Township of Commerce
Parks and Recreation Committee
Monday, August 2, 2004

Meeting Called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Robert Long	Barb Garbutt	Mary Stone
Michelle L. Holmes, Sec.	Joel Sharp	
William Petch, Vice Chair	Tim Wichert	

Communication: No communication received by the board

Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2004

Motion to accept minutes with corrections.

Moved by Tim Wichert; Seconded by Joel Sharp; Passed Unanimous

Item 1: Waiver request Multi-Lakes Gators

Tracie Ginster represented Mulit Lakes Gators

Motion to grant waiver request moved by William Petch; Seconded by Joel Sharp; Motion passes Unanimous

Item 2: League and Community Service Organizations Reports

- Lakes Athlics-It was reported that a joint effort is under way with Hawks Football League for practice on the baseball outfields. The Hawk's have agreed to assist with the irrigation/maintenance of these fields. It was further reported new fencing for the outfield to 9-10 year old field is proposed. Park Committee requested that all leagues remember that they need to meet with the Building Department and the Fire Inspector when making any altercation to the park fields or buildings to ensure that emergency vehicles can get through between fields. Additionally, soilmaster sused on fields last year and to be used again this year.
- Hawks Football-reported that they are seeing good growth from the new planting.
- Friends of Byer's-Elleen Smith reported that the Ice Cream Social was very successful. Total monies raised has not been finialized at the time of the meeting. Walmart had donated \$1,000.00 to this event. Additionally it was reported that the Port-A-Johns regarding sanitation issues.
- Compac-Hananna Donigan spoke regarding the proposed sale of the state land on Wise Road which is under the Proud Lake umbrella. Mrs. Donigan strongly encouraged everyone to get out to the next meeting on this issue to be held on August 6, 2004 at Multi-lakes. Additionally, she reported that the bench that they purchased for the Mill Race park was put in by the township maintenance department was destroyed by vandals within 1 day. Kelly Knight agreed to work with the ComPac members to repair/replace the bench.

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Items 3: Parks and Recreation Department Report-Kelly Knight reporting.

- West Nile project Implementation plan materials were provided to committee
- No Haz collection for Commerce Twp. Will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2004
- Electric for the Byers Farm Barn is in process.
- Website-leagues have provided Kelly with their website addresses for links to the Parks page of the Charter Township of Commerce website.
- Compac bench was installed at Commerce Mill Race park.
- Letter of resignation was provided to the Committee from Diane Obara, Assistant Sr. Center worker. Discussion regarding staffing for the Sr. Center and hiring procedures.
- Greenway Initiative-Kelly reported that they had a very positive grant report meeting.

Item 4: Township Board Report-Rob Long reported

- A rate study of current water and sewer costs under review.
- Newton Road sewer line/bike path continues to be negotiated with Multi-Lakes and continues to have many concerns in the construction of this path.

Item 5: Byers Barn Update-Reported by Debbie

- The contract is being negotiated with the township autorny.
- Electrical issues continue to corrected.
- Requested that she be allowed to repaint the sign on the barn. Parks Committee agreed that this was prudent to complete.
- Garbage pick up day was in question. Committee encouraged Debbie to check with the Township for the exact garbage day for the farm.

Item 6: Byer's Homestead Park-Update on Action Plan for Residence

- Testing for environmental hazards and reports will be done in September.
- All Park Committee requested signs for authorized persons only on all doors of the residence have been put up and all doors locked pending clearance of all safety and health issues.

Item 7: Park Brochure Review-Committee continues to wait for materials from McKenna and Associates.

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Item 8: Budget-Parks Committee believes that the following should be included in the township parks budget for the fiscal year 2004-2005.

- Funds for matching grant requirements
- Reforest of current park land to provide for the health and safety of the community
- Hickory Glen Park-play structure to be placed near the new football field
- Replace play equipment at the Richardson Center park
- Robert H. Long/Berry Lake park boat launch
- Window glass for Byer's as well as an alarm system for the property.

Item 9: Website Status


- Continues to be under construction and links for the leagues will be processed

Item 10: Other Matters

- Cleaning and Snow blowing Request for Bid are being sent out.

Adjournment: Moved by William Petch; Seconded by Tim Wichert; passed Unanimous

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2004


Michelle Holmes, Sec.