

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING**

Monday, March 26, 2007

2840 Fisher Avenue

Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

(Held at the Richardson Center)

CALL TO ORDER: William Petsch, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Petsch, Chairperson
Barbara Garbutt, Vice Chairperson
Michelle Holmes, Secretary
Tim Wichert (Arrives at 7:20 p.m.)
Marvin Lee
Robert Long

Excused Mary Ston

Also Present: Emily England, Director of Senior/Parks and Recreation
Kelly Knight, Deputy Supervisor

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Garbutt, supported by Holmes, to approve the February 26, 2007 Parks and Receptions Meeting Minutes with the following corrections: First page under the Robert H. Long Park Update, add to the last sentence, "**and advertised in the newspaper**"; Page 3 in Item 7, third paragraph, change "**200 foot variance**" to "**200 foot easement**" and change "**wet land**" to "**wetland**"; Item 8, third sentence, change "**We**" to "**They**"; Item 9 change "**Our House Club House**" to "**Our House Clubhouse**"; Item 10, change "**board candidates**" to "**candidates**"; and in Item 13 in the MOTION, change "**Challenge Grants**" to "**Preservation Assistance Grants**"

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Raymond Padrock of RJs Grill and Molly's Ice Cream, 2051 North Wixom Road is present and requests an opportunity to provide food service with the Lakes Athletics Association for their games at Hickory Glen Park

Andy Sussex from the Lakes Athletic Tournament Director is present and lends his approval to Raymond Padrock as their vendor of choice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Continued)

Pete Lesner of the Lakes Area Hawks Football is present and explains the need of an additional storage facility. He requests a new 20' x 20' storage facility next to the Hawks house.

The Committee makes recommendations and suggests that Pete provide a clear diagram of the proposed building.

**ITEM 1: WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST – CANCER FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY
APRIL 7, 2007**

Emily England reiterates the policy regarding waivers for only non-profit organizations.

MOTION by Petsch, supported by Holmes, to deny the Waiver of Fee Request for the Cancer Fundraiser, Saturday April 7, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 2: WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST – COMMERCE CO-OP PRESCHOOL
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007**

Jolene Main from the Commerce Co-op Preschool is present to explain their Euchre event.

MOTION by Garbutt, supported by Wichert, to approve the Waiver of Use Fees, but charge the \$150.00 for the Cleaning Fee for the Commerce Co-op Preschool for Friday, April 27, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ITEM 3: WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST – GIRL SCOUTS METRO DETROIT TROOP
#604: SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007**

MOTION by Long, supported by Holmes, to table the request.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kim Linson arrives late and explains their garage sale event.

MOTION by Long, supported by Holmes, to remove the request from the table.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION by Garbutt, supported by Wichert, to approve the Waiver of Use Fee but charge the \$150.00 Cleaning Fee for the Girl Scout Metro Detroit Troop 604 on Saturday, April 28, 2007.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4: LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Pete Lesner is present and reports they have formed a new football team. The Hawks also completed a \$6,000.00 fundraiser sending Girl Scouts cookies to our military in Iraq.

ITEM 5: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Emily England reports she is busy at the Richardson Center working on the newsletters, fairs and casino trips. She is serving on the Santa with Seniors Committee and enlisting volunteers for the coming Rebuilding Together Event. She also reports that the amendments for the Master Plan were approved at the Township Board.

ITEM 6: TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Robert Long reports two items from the Township Board Meeting.

- We introduced a new cemetery ordinance.
- Two library positions were recently filled, one Youth Reference Librarian and one Adult Reference Librarian.

ITEM 7: EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE

William Armstrong of Pack 229 is present and gives an update of progress of the non-motorized mile markers. He presents a diagram of the proposed mile marker signs.

The committee answers all questions and makes appropriate recommendations.

MOTION by Wichert, supported by Garbutt, to recommend the placement and installation of five double-sided mile marker signs as presented.

ITEM 8: DODGE PARK/GRANT UPDATE

Kelly Knight, Deputy Supervisor is present and reports the Dodge Park grant application was approved at the Township Board Meeting. She will be pursuing the grant and moving forward.

ITEM 9: GRANT OUTLINES

Michelle Holmes presents an outline for possible projects for the two available grants.

ITEM 10: BRICK PAVER FUNDRAISER

Michelle Holmes presents an information packet from Bricks 'R Us, for the committee's review.

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ITEM 11: AGENDA REQUESTS

Revenue and Expenditure Report
Grant Outline

ITEM 12: OTHER MATTERS

William Petsch comments that due to his prior coaching commitments, the current Parks and Recreation meeting schedule is not as convenient as the previous first Tuesday schedule. All the other Committee members agree.

Barbara Garbutt comments that she has spoken to Cheryl Hunter from Girl Scout Troop #591 who is sending pictures on their work at the Robert H. Long Nature Park. We need to recognize our scouts and their contributions to our parks. She also brings Tickets on sale for the Community Breakfast at \$15.00.

Michelle Holmes reports that she took a rail out of the river at Byers.

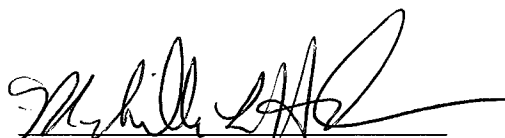
Emily England asked the committee members what they would like to see happen with the building, currently the Township Offices, once they have relocated.

William Petsch comments that the new addition could be renovated and the rest of the building taken down.

Kelly Knight, Deputy Supervisor comments that she prepared a proposal to Beckett & Raeder for professional planning services related to the state land financial feasibility study.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Garbutt, supported by Wichert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.


Michelle Holmes, Secretary

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY