

**Springfield Township
Park & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Bower at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Diane Baker (arrived at 7:03 pm)
Roger Bower
Lisa Christensen
Dennis Omell
Angela Spicer

Staff Present

Sarah Richmond

Others Present

Bob Swansey
Joni Swansey

Commissioners Absent:

Elena Danishevskaya
Jean Vallad

IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL

Commissioner Christensen moved to accept the agenda as revised, adding "January Budget Report Printouts" as E. under Consent. Supported by Commissioner Spicer. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Omell, Spicer; No: None; Absent: Baker, Danishevskaya, Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Swansey, Market Manager, was introduced to the Commission.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes –January 12, 2016 with Additional Disbursements of \$ for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$150.00 for the Trust & Agency Fund
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for January
- C. Receipt of Progress Report for January
- D. Receipt of Memo to Township Board dated January 14, 2016 re: Community Development Block Grant Funds

Receipt of Communications

Commissioner Omell moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Supported by Chairperson Bower. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Omell, Spicer; No: None; Absent: Baker, Danishevskaya, Vallad. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on River Run Preserve (PowerPoint presentation)

Director Richmond provided an electronic presentation updating the Commission on the new developments at the River Run Preserve. Chairperson Bower provided comments and review since he had recently visited the property and had taken pictures of the area. Director Richmond provided options for trail development through the Ruffed Grouse Society and their equipment. She also referenced the recent Natural Resource Management Plan written by Mike Losey, Natural Resources Manager and how the improvements are progressing. She also pointed out potential treatment areas, which was divided into units on the maps. She outlined actions that are planned for this year before the trail is opened. The goal is to have it open this year and she encouraged all of the Commissioners to visit the property.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Facility Rental Discounts

Director Richmond stated that they have recently had Township employees asking about the use of the Hart Community Center and inquiring if there were any discounts for Township employees. The Commission has allowed discounts for part-time and full-time Parks and Recreation employees and these discounts were outlined in the memo. Director Richmond recommended that a stipulation should be as long as the Township employee was renting for themselves and no other individual. She suggested a 10% discount because the Department still had to cover the staff time opening and closing of the rental and other building expenses.

Commissioner Omell asked if the Township employee still paid a security deposit.

Director Richmond answered yes; everyone pays a security deposit.

Commissioner Omell asked what the rental rate was for Hart Community Center.

Director Richmond answered that it is \$275 for 7 hours or \$50 per hour with a minimum 2 hour rental. She stated that a discount of 10% would still cover their base cost.

Commissioner Omell moved to approve a 10% discount to Township employees during the non-peak season for facility rentals. Supported by Commissioner Christensen. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Christensen, Omell, Spicer; No: None; Absent: Danishevskaya, Vallad. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bills List

Commissioner Christensen moved to approve the February bills list totaling \$8,413.62 and \$0.00 for Trust and Agency. Supported by Commissioner Spicer. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Christensen, Omell, Spicer; No: None; Absent: Danishevskaya, Vallad. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Baker stated that they had done a great job with River Run and the slide show was informative. She asked if they should have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Director Richmond stated that if it is done, she would like to announce the opening in the fall brochure.

Commissioner Spicer stated that the spaghetti dinner was a success.

Director Richmond indicated that they had record numbers for the spaghetti dinner this year.

Commissioner Omell stated that the spaghetti dinner brings the community out. He was impressed by the River Run developments. He acknowledged Kyle Ryan for his service to the Township.

Commissioner Christensen agreed with the excellent River Run presentation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baker moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:43 pm. Supported by Commissioner Omell. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Christensen, Omell, Spicer; No: None; Absent: Danishevskaya, Vallad. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.