

**Springfield Township  
Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 12, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Chairperson Vallad at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present**

Roger Bower

Lisa Christensen

Elena Danishevskaya

Dennis Omell

Angela Spicer

Jean Vallad

**Staff Present**

**Others Present**

**Commissioners Absent**

Commissioner Baker with notification

**IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL**

**Chairperson Vallad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Christensen. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes –February 12, 2013 with Additional Disbursements of \$8,130.90 for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$300.00 for Trust & Agency
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for February
- C. Receipt of January Budget Printouts
- D. Receipt of February Budget Printouts

Receipt of Communications

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**Commissioner Christensen moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Danishevskaya. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Closed Session- Discussion of Possible Property Acquisition**

**Chairperson Vallad moved to go into closed session at 6:34 pm. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Danishevskaya. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

**Chairperson Vallad moved at 6:54 pm to go back into open session. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Christensen. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

**Chairperson Vallad moved to have the Parks and Recreation Director proceed with the potential property acquisition as was discussed in closed session. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Spicer. Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Power Point Presentation of the 2013 Conservation Projects**

Director Tucker did a presentation for the Park Commission on the 2013 Conservation Projects and the grant funds that have been received to cover them.

In 2013, the Department will be prescribed burning 230.60 acres of land. The contractor for the burns this year is Plantwise, LLC.

For this year's burns the following are the units that will be burned:

Unit 8

Southern Meadow

Packaged Pricing

(Unit 9, 13, Hartman & NOHLC)

Shultz Park/Cemetery

In total the burns will cost \$ 19,605.00. The WHIP Grant Funds, which is administered by the Natural Resource Conservation Service, is funding unit 9, 8 and the Southern Meadow. The LIP Grant Funds, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, is funding the Hartman property, NOHLC, Shultz Park/Cemetery and unit 13.

In 2013, the Department will be treating 212 acres of land for invasive species. Some of this work will be done in house and some will be contracted out. The LIP Grant Funds will be funding the treatment of Larry Hartman's property. The Whip Grant Funds will be funding the treatment of all of our units that are listed.

The following are the units/sites where invasive treatment will be taking place.

Larry Hartman Property – 10 acres of phragmites

Phragmites on STPR property – 5 acres

Unit 1 – 54 acres

Unit 2 – 40 acres

Unit 5 – 16 acres

Unit 7 – 20 acres

Unit 8 – 45 acres

Unit 13 – 22 acres

In total the Department will be spending \$ 9,630.60 on invasive species removal.

The last conservation project that Director Tucker went over is the Aquatic Weed Control for the Davisburg Mill Pond. Director Tucker stated that in the 2013 budget there is \$ 5,220.00 budgeted for Aquatic Weed Control for the Davisburg Mill Pond.

In 2012, the Park Commission awarded a two year contract for the mechanical weed harvesting to Professional Lake Management. The contract price is \$ 2,610.00 for 6 acres (\$435/acre).

Director Tucker also stated that the Department will be partnering with Oakland County Parks and Recreation on the chemical treatment of the pond as they have done in the past. In the past, it cost the Department approximately \$2,000.00 to have the chemical treatment performed for the season. However, since the Department started working with OCPR, our Department has only been charged the cost of the permit.

## **IX. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **A. Bills List**

**Commissioner Christensen moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Parks and Recreation at \$ 13,094.52 and Trust and Agency at \$ 650.00. Commissioner Christensen was supported by Commissioner Danishevskaya. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote.**

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. SBP House Committee**

**None**

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

## **XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioner Spicer stated that the presentation was very good and very informative.

Commissioner Bower stated good job on the presentation. He also stated that he had worked with the Davisburg Rotary on the trail that is behind the cemetery. That trail is a very nice piece of property with some very nice vistas and wildlife.

Commissioner Danishevskaya stated that she attended the MRPA conference and she found it very informative and she really enjoyed it.

Commissioner Christensen stated that she too attended the MRPA conference and it was very good.

Commissioner Omell stated that he wanted to give Director Tucker a pat on the back for getting all the grant funds that were stated in the presentation. The presentation was very informative.

Chairperson Vallad wanted to remind the other Park Commissioners about the meeting on March 28, 2013 with the Township Board.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Bower moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 7:39 pm. Commissioner Bower was supported by Commissioner Danishevskaya. Yes: Bower, Christensen, Danishevskaya, Omell, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-1 vote.**

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Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Jean Vallad, Chairperson of Park Commission