

**Springfield Township
Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 9, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:35 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 (arrived at 6:37)

Angela Spicer

Jean Vallad

Staff Present

Others Present

Commissioners Absent

Diane 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, Spicer and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Christensen and Omell. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes –June 11, 2013 with Additional Disbursements of \$4,787.82 for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$350.00
- B. Receipt of Special Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2013
- C. Receipt of Activities Report for June
- D. Approval of Park Maintenance Job Description
- E. Receipt of Memo Approving the 2013 Holiday Schedule
- F. Approval of 2014 Rental Rates
- G. Approval of Request for 2014 Hart Community Center Rental

H. Receipt of Memo to Township Board dated July 2, 2013 re: Parks and Recreation Budget Amendment

Receipt of Communications

1. Memo from Supervisor Walls dated July 1, 2013 re: Affordable Health Care Act

Commissioner Christensen moved to accept the consent agenda as revised. 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 6-0 vote.

Further Discussion:

Commissioner Omell requested that item F “2014 Rental Rates” be moved to New Business as item “B”.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Potential Joint Meeting with Township Board

The Park Commission would be willing to meet with the Township Board if the Township Supervisor still feels it is necessary knowing that the Park Commission has already set their 2014 budgets. Even if the Township Supervisor does not feel it is necessary to have a joint meeting, then the Park Commission will still be present at the Budget Workshop.

B. Approval of 2014 Rental Rates

Commissioner Omell wanted to clarify that the [Hart Community Center] rental rates would be the same for 2014 as they were in 2013.

Chairperson Vallad stated that yes they were staying the same, as indicated in Director Tucker’s memo that was in the Park Commission packets.

Commissioner Omell was wondering if the Commission should raise the prices since the 2014 has a “short fall”.

Chairperson Vallad asked what Commissioner Omell meant by “short fall”.

Commissioner Omell stated that since the Park Commission had to use prior year fund balance for the 2014 budget year.

Chairperson Vallad said that the staff has looked at what the price is to operate the community center and also takes into consideration what other comparable facilities are rented for. In addition, the Non-Profit group rental rate is kept at very reasonable rate for those groups.

Director Tucker stated that she has confirmed that the rental rates are very economical for a building our size.

Commissioner Omell stated he had been approached by an individual from a Non-Profit group that currently uses the building who was questioning the Non-Profit Rental Rate.

Chairperson Vallad stated that again the price for the Non-Profit Rental Rate is very reasonable considering that the rate doesn't necessarily cover all operating costs associated with the building.

Commissioner Bower stated that he believes the groups need to consider that a restaurant would charge \$ 150.00 to use a room for just a couple of hours, and that is when you are bringing in paying customers so our rates are reasonable.

Commissioner Omell stated that this individual wanted to do an in-kind service in lieu of their rent.

Commissioner Danishevskaya stated that if any group has a question about the rental rates they should come and meet with the Park Commission.

Chairperson Vallad stated that this group did come and approach the Commission under Public Comment a couple of months ago.

Director Tucker stated that she has tried to reach out to the representative of the group that had come that night but unfortunately she has not heard from him since her last phone call.

Sarah Richmond, Administrative Assistant, pointed out that the \$30.00 rental fee is for five hours which equates to \$ 6.00 per hour.

Chairperson Vallad moved to approve to keep the 2014 Rental Rates the same as they are for 2013. 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.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bills List

Commissioner Christensen moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Parks and Recreation at \$ 16,056.75 and Trust and Agency at \$ 300.00. 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 6-0 vote.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. SBP House Committee

None

B. Trails Committee

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Omell was wondering if there is any access for people to put in a kayak off of Eaton Road.

Director Tucker stated that there is really no place to put in off of Eaton Road because where people would be accessing the Shiawassee River is by the culvert which is owned by the Oakland County Drain Commission.

Commissioners Spicer and Christensen both thanked the staff for the electronic packets.

Director Tucker stated that the Minnesota Zoo will be coming back to the Shiawassee Basin Preserve this year to collect eggs from Poweshiek Skipperlings. The Zoo has a grant to collect the eggs since the Skipperlings are extinct in their state. This is all contingent upon our counts this year.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Vallad moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 7:15 pm. 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.

Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks & Recreation

Jean Vallad, Chairperson of Park Commission