

**Springfield Township  
Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 14, 2008**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The October 14, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Commissioner Hyer at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present**

Diane Baker  
Ron Hudson (arrived at 7:23 pm)  
Kelly Hyer  
Dot LaLone  
Rich Parke (arrived at 7:15 pm)  
Jean Vallad

**Staff Present**

Sarah Richmond  
Jennifer Tucker

**Others Present**

Nancy Strole  
Daryl Wendt

**Commissioners Absent**

Annette Zemon-Parker with notification

**IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL**

Add "Memos Concerning Budget Amendment dated August 12, 2008" as item "D" under New Business.

**Commissioner LaLone moved to accept the agenda as revised. Commissioner LaLone was supported by Commissioner Vallad. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Hyer, LaLone, and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Hudson, Parke and Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk Strole informed the Park Commission that the Township Board had tabled the budget amendment dated August 12, 2008 at their October 9, 2008 meeting. Clerk Strole stated that the amendment was not tabled due to any deficiencies in the proposed budget amendment but rather because the majority of the board wanted an explanation of the actions leading up to the amendment. Clerk Strole stated that this issue will once again be on the Township Board agenda for approval in November.

Clerk Strole also stated that she would like to personally thank the Park Commission members for their service and she appreciates them and all of their hard work.

Clerk Strole also informed the Commission that she and Director Tucker had met with a representative of the Shiawassee Wildlife Refuge Management and took him out to see the

beginning of the Shiawassee River. The gentleman seemed very impressed by the quality of the area.

Clerk Strole also stated that she believes that there needs to be an easy access to the Shiawassee Basin Preserve on the north side of the train tracks so that people can see how great the area is. She stated that it is her belief that people will take ownership and pride in the area and they will want to help preserve the area. Clerk Strole said that at the Davis Lake entrance she would like to see bollards installed by the gate area to make it easier for park patrons to access this parcel of the park.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes-September 16, 2008 with Additional Disbursements of \$4,691.61 for Parks & Recreation Fund.
- B. Receipt of Parks & Recreation Activities Report for September
- C. Receipt of Financial Summaries
- D. Receipt of Approved Township Board Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2008
- E. Receipt of Tentative October Calendar of Events
- F. Receipt of Township Board Agenda for October 9, 2008
- G. Receipt of Young At Heart Active Adults October and November Newsletter
- H. Receipt of Memo to Township Board dated October 1, 2008 re: Approval of Proposed Parks and Recreation Fund Budget Amendment

### Receipt of Communication

1.

**Commissioner LaLone moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner LaLone was supported by Commissioner Baker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Hudson Hyer, LaLone, Parke, and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

A.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approval to Seek Community Development Block Grant Funds**

Director Tucker stated that she is seeking permission to request money from the Community Development Block Grant Funds.

Director Tucker indicated that there was a possibility that there would be funds available for an accessible boat launch at the Mill Pond Park, if applicable, and Phase II of the Invasive Plant Management Plan.

Director Tucker stated that the Township Board would be discussing the awarding of these funds at their November meeting.

**Commissioner Hyer moved to accept Director Tucker's request to seek CDBG Funds for an accessible boat launch, Phase II of the Invasive Plant Management Plan, and other**

**applicable projects per her memo dated October 6, 2008. Commissioner Hyer was supported by Commissioner Hudson. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Hudson Hyer, Parke, and Vallad; No: LaLone; Absent: Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 5-1 vote.**

Commissioner LaLone did not feel that the boat launch was a good idea at this time and was not worth Director Tucker's time to work on it.

## **B. Additional Fencing for the Shiawassee Basin Preserve**

Director Tucker informed the Commission that the northern boundary from Eaton Road to Long Lake has been completed. Director Tucker stated that there is a small portion on the northwest side of the lake that needs to be completed and the fall or winter would be the best time to complete it.

The Commission discussed which of the high priority areas had the fencing completed and which areas still needed to be fenced. At this time out of the four sections that were contracted for the survey, two sections had been completed.

**Chairperson Parke moved to have Director Tucker look into the price to have fencing completed for the west side of Eaton road south of the Trail Head, the northern tip and the northern and eastern part of the gravel pit. Chairperson Parke was supported by Commissioner LaLone. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Hudson Hyer, LaLone, Parke, and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **C. Press Conference for U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service Reimbursement Program on October 24, 2008**

Director Tucker went over the invitation to the press conference that was included in the Park Commission packets.

The press conference will be on October 24, 2008 at 1:00 pm in the upper level conference room of the Civic Center.

## **D. Memos Concerning Budget Amendment dated August 12, 2008**

The Commission discussed the memo dated October 10, 2008 from Township Supervisor Walls regarding the budget amendment dated August 12, 2008. In the memo, Supervisor Walls asked for clarification on several points concerning the budget amendment.

The Commission discussed the memo that Director Tucker had drafted explaining the entire process that led up to the Park Commission making a budget amendment for the fencing, survey and observation deck projects.

Any comments from the Park Commission regarding the memo needed to be provided to Director Tucker by October 21, 2008.

# **IX. TREASURER'S REPORT**

## **A. Bills List**

**Commissioner Vallad moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Parks and Recreation at \$ 25,855.72. Commissioner Vallad was supported by Commissioner Baker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Hudson Hyer, LaLone, Parke, and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Policies and Procedure Committee**

None

### **B. Shiawassee Basin Preserve Rental Properties Committee**

None

### **C. Non-Profit Community Group Committee**

None

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Daryl Wendt stated that he looks forward to his upcoming involvement with Springfield Township.

## **XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioner Hudson wanted to thank all the Commissioners for their support over the last several years.

Commissioner Baker stated that she is looking forward to working with the new Township Board and continuing to work with the Park Commission.

Commissioner LaLone stated that Oakland County Parks and Recreation has an open position for the Trail Coordinator.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Hudson moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 9:09 pm. Commissioner Hudson was supported by Commissioner Baker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Hudson Hyer, LaLone, Parke, and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

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Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Rich Parke, Chairperson of Park Commission

