

**SPECIAL TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP MEETING
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKS COMMISSION
&
SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 29, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Springfield Township Civic Center
12000 Davisburg Rd.
Davisburg, MI 48350**

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 29, 2008 Special Workshop Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks Commission and Springfield Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Parks Commission Chair Parke and Supervisor Walls at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350.

ROLL CALL

Township Board Members Present:	Collin W. Walls, Supervisor Nancy Strole, Clerk Jamie Dubre, Treasurer Marc Cooper, Trustee David Hopper, Trustee Dennis Vallad, Trustee
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Township Board Members Absent:	Roger Lamont, Trustee
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Commissioners Present:	Diane Baker Ron Hudson Kelly Hyer Dot LaLone Rich Parke Jean Vallad
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Commissioners Absent:	Annette Zemon-Parker
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Staff Present:	Jennifer Tucker
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New Business:

1. Park & Recreation Needs Assessment

Township Board and Park Commission members discussed the preliminary results of the Springfield Township Parks & Recreation Community Survey. The survey consisted of a series of questions pertaining to Springfield Township Parks programs, facilities and services. Chair Parke explained that the survey had a 20% rate of return, which is good, and that the survey responses can be considered statistically valid and representative of the entire Springfield community.

Board and Commission members reviewed survey results regarding participation rates in various Parks programs and facilities, perceived benefits of Parks programs and services, and respondents' desires regarding future facilities. Respondents' top choices for future facilities included: Paved Multi-Use Trails (67%); Nature Center at Shiawassee (61%); Acquiring More Open Space (60%); and Nature Trails at Shiawassee (59%); Commission and Board members discussed the implications of the survey findings regarding future facilities.

Commission and Board members also discussed various funding sources to achieve the outcomes indicated by the survey. It was agreed that questions raised by Commission and Board members regarding preliminary survey results would be addressed by the survey consultant at a subsequent meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Collin W. Walls, Supervisor

Nancy Strole, Clerk