

**Springfield Township  
Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 10, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:33 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**

Diane Baker  
Anne Loncar  
Annette Zemon-Parker  
Jean Vallad  
Darryl Wendt

**Staff Present**

Sarah Richmond  
Jennifer Tucker

**Others Present**

Judy Hensler  
Mike LaLone

**Commissioners Absent**

Lisa Christensen with notification  
Dot LaLone with notification

**IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL**

**Chairperson Vallad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Wendt. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Christensen, and LaLone. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike LaLone first wanted to tell the Park Commission that he thought the new playscape at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve looked very nice. Mr. LaLone stated that he was at the meeting this evening to bring to the Park Commission what he felt was a potential problem. He stated that on Sunday, May 8, 2011 when he was at the park walking his dog he observed what he thought was a Eastern Massassauga near the parking area/playscape. It was his opinion that this snake seemed to be aggressive in nature. He stated that when he was walking in the area he found what he thought might be a dead Eastern Massassauga in the tracks that were left from the bulldozer that had done the excavating for the playscape. Mr. LaLone presented the Park Commission with some pictures of this dead snake. Mr. LaLone stated that once he has the pictures on a disc he would provide the Park Commission with a copy of them. He stated that it was obvious from the pictures that the snake had been there for a few days and that animals had consumed portions of the snake. Mr. LaLone stated that he had contacted a herpetologist on the

Monday after finding the snake. Mr. LaLone read a brief commentary from the herpetologist. Mr. LaLone stated that his biggest concern was that a snake would get into the playscape area and bite a child.

Director Tucker informed the Park Commission that there are other snakes in the area. One snake in particular that is often mistaken for the Eastern Massassauga is the Brown snake, which can be aggressive in nature.

After much discussion the Park Commission asked Director Tucker to post more signage in the area, contact the Township Attorney, and have park staff monitor the area during the day and research the information necessary to address this issue.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes –April 12, 2011 with Additional Disbursements of \$14,040.92 for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$ 50.00 for Trust & Agency
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for April
- C. Receipt of Approved Township Board Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2011
- D. Receipt of Letter dated April 15, 2011 and response re: Roland Harmes
  - Receipt of Communications
  - 1.

Commissioner Baker provided corrections to the meeting minutes.

**Commissioner Loncar moved to accept the consent agenda as revised. Commissioner Loncar was supported by Commissioner Zemon-Parker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Christensen, and LaLone. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Discussion of Four Year Budgeting Plan

The Park Commission decided to change this to a three year plan to correspond to the current length of the Park millage.

Director Tucker handed out quotes for the furnaces and generator for the Hart Community Center. The quote for the two furnaces and air conditioners for the Hart Center is \$15,000.00. The quote for the generator is \$22,000.00.

After much discussion the Park Commission moved Shultz Park playground equipment and installation to 2014.

### 2012

- 1. RecPro \$ 10,000.00 for all necessary modules (this amount is after receiving \$ 3,250 discount)
  - \$ 3,000.00 for annual support
  - \$ 250.00 for annual secure site designation
  - \$ 1,800.00 for training
  - \$ 15,050.00
- 2. Computers \$ 2,800.00 for four desktop

\$ 500.00 for one laptop  
\$ 400.00 for software  
\$ 3,700.00

3. Park Truck \$ 25,000.00
4. Trail SBP North

### **2013**

1. Trails
2. Parking lot at Shiawassee Basin Preserve(Gravel) \$ 20,000.00
3. Furnaces (2) and air conditioners (2) for the Hart Community Center \$ 15,000.00
4. Water softener and slop sink for Hart Community Center \$ 2,500.00
5. Utility vehicle \$ 10,500.00

### **2014**

1. Trails
2. Generator for HCC \$ 22,000.00
3. Shultz Park playground equipment installation \$ 15,000.00

**Chairperson Vallad moved to accept the three year plan as revised. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Zemon-Parker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Christensen, and LaLone. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discussion of Shiawassee Basin Preserve Playscape Border**

The Park Commission reviewed the bids for the border of the playscape area and discussed the pros and cons of the different borders.

The borders were not included in the \$ 15,000.00 installation costs of the playscape equipment.

Commissioner Loncar stated that she would go with the concrete border.

**Chairperson Vallad moved to authorize Director Tucker to have a concrete border installed at the new playscape by Cumming Concrete and Construction, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$5,310.00 per the bid received on April 30, 2011. This motion is contingent upon the research findings from the earlier discussion regarding the Shiawassee Basin Preserve. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Wendt. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Christensen, and LaLone. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

## **X. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. Bills List**

**Commissioner Baker moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Parks and Recreation at \$ 36,119.50 and Trust and Agency at \$ 150.00. Commissioner Baker was supported by Commissioner Wendt. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Christensen, and LaLone. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Policy & Procedure**

None

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**XIII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioner Loncar wanted to express that the staff did a good job ton getting the three year plan together.

**IVX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Wendt moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 8:15 pm. Commissioner Wendt was supported by Commissioner Baker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, LaLone, Loncar, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Christensen, and Zemon-Parker. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.**

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Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Jean Vallad, Chairperson of Park Commission