

**Springfield Township
Park & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Bower at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Diane Baker
Roger Bower
Anne Loncar
Dennis Omell
Rich Parke
Angela Spicer
Jean Vallad

Staff Present:

Sarah Richmond

Others Present:

Collin Walls, Supervisor

Commissioners Absent:

IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL

Commissioner Vallad moved to accept the agenda as revised, adding Parks and Recreation Master Plan to Old Business. Supported by Commissioner Omell. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes-December 11, 2018 with Additional Disbursements of \$2,683.10 for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$450.00 for Trust & Agency
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for December

- C. Receipt of Financial Summaries
- D. Receipt of Progress Report for December
- E. Receipt of Natural Resource Manager December Monthly Report
- F. Receipt of 50 Plus Active Adults Newsletter for January & February 2019
- G. Approval of 2019 Programs and Events Schedule

Receipt of Communications

Commissioner Baker asked about the financial statements as compared to last year.

Director Richmond replied that she will email this information to Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Vallad moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Supported by Chairperson Bower. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Director Richmond stated that the Commission approved this at the December meeting. She stated that there have been a couple of points that have been brought up to her by Township Board members so there may be minor clarifications made to the Plan. She provided more information regarding possible revision on page 6. Supervisor Walls feels that the sections highlighted on the document are not accurate and he feels that they should be removed. She has been in contact with Doug Lewan from Carlisle Wortman Associates and the Township Planner, and he confirmed that these would be substantive changes and would have to go back before the Commission. Director Richmond does not know where Mr. Nordstorm got the statements that are highlighted and since he was out of the office and she has not had the chance to talk with him about the statements. Supervisor Walls feels that these statements are inaccurate and do not match the Township's long-standing planning and zoning policies. She explained the highlighted portions that Supervisor Walls wants revised.

Commissioner Parke stated that the second and third statements are generic statements relative to how the availability of land affects population densities and growth. He agrees that it is a substantive change but has no problem with it staying in or being removed.

Director Richmond stated that it will not make or break the plan.

Commissioner Vallad confirmed that she also read the statements as being generic and applying to areas other than and/or along with Springfield.

Commissioner Parke stated that it stands to reason that as people buy property and use it, there will be less available to expand for other purposes. It is a logical, generic statement.

Director Richmond stated that she must have this approved to go to the Township Board on January 10, 2019 and if not, a Special Meeting of the Park Commission will have to be called.

Commissioner Baker stated that if they move statement two further out in the section, that may work.

Director Richmond stated that she would like to talk to Mr. Nordstrom and would like permission by the Commission to adjust the page.

Commissioners discussed the highlighted sections and possible amendments.

Director Richmond stated that there is another minor change on page 14, change to “Township has played an important role in setting aside” instead of “Parks and Recreation has played an....”.

Chairperson Bower stated that the removal of statement one on page six wouldn’t make any difference.

Director Richmond stated that Supervisor Walls felt it was good plan, but he was disappointed because he felt that it did not highlight all the efforts that the Parks Commission has made to maintain and preserve the assets that the Parks has been managing over the years.

Chairperson Bower stated that the three items found on page 6 are minimal as compared to the entire report.

Commissioner Parke stated that the second statement is a problem because it gives a reason why things slowed down. It simply needs to say that things slowed down. He suggested that Director Richmond can change it to highlight the fact that things slowed down but not give a reason.

Commissioner Loncar suggested removing the entire sentence if the above doesn’t fix it.

Commissioner Vallad suggested an edit for statement two on page 6.

Commissioners suggested edits for the highlighted sections.

Director Richmond went over the other points that were brought up by another Board. However, Mr. Lewan suggested that the statements be kept more neutral and she explained further.

Commissioner Parke moved to authorize Director Richmond to negotiate minor grammatical changes in the Master Plan with members of the Township Board as discussed tonight. Any substantive changes that Director Richmond feels should come back to the Commission can come to the Park Commission to be ratified at a Special Meeting. Supported by Commissioner Vallad. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. TREASURER’S REPORT

A. Bills List

Commissioner Vallad moved to approve the January bills list totaling \$4,696.46 and Trust in Agency \$150.00. Supported by Commissioner Baker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Loncar stated that the Maintenance Garage Committee is meeting on January 23, 2019.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Baker wished the Commission a Happy New Year. She thanked the personnel for the Santa event.

Commissioner Parke commended Director Richmond on the Master Plan from start to finish.

Director Richmond announced the Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Monday, January 14, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Omell hoped everyone has a good 2019.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bower moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:24 pm. Supported by Commissioner Omell. Vote on the motion: Yes: Baker, Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: None. The motion carried by a 7-0 vote.