

**Springfield Township
Park & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 12, 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:

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

Staff Present:

Sarah Richmond

Commissioners Absent:

Diane Baker with notice

IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL

Commissioner Vallad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Supported by Chairperson Omell. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes-January 8, 2019 with Additional Disbursements of \$8,476.55 for the Parks & Recreation Fund
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for January
- C. Receipt of Progress Report for January
- D. Receipt of Natural Resource Manager January Monthly Report
- E. Receipt of December Before Audit Budget Printouts
- F. Receipt of January Before Audit Budget Printouts
- G. Approval of Date for Joint Meeting in April with Township Board

Receipt of Communications

Commissioner Vallad moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Supported by Chairperson Omell. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Regulating Air Vehicles & Remote Air Craft Ordinance

Director Richmond stated that she presented the proposed ordinance to the Township Board for first reading. The Board discussed and reviewed and asked the standards for permit issuance. She stated that the permitting process will be created under the guidance of the Township attorney. Clerk Moreau suggested that if the Park Commission does a resolution, it will allow them to publish what is allowed and post what is allowed on the website, brochure, etc. Eventually it would be posted at the parks. She explained a couple of edits to the resolution that were made by the Township attorney and a mistake in number four. She referenced the maps that were provided. This will deter people from being in certain sensitive areas flying unmanned remote-control air crafts. Clerk Moreau expressed a concern that unmanned remote-control air crafts could be flown over the cemetery. Director Richmond commented on the edits to address this concern. This would allow for unmanned remote-control air crafts to only fly over park property, not over private property or any other public property. Supervisor Walls felt that there should be some language added so they could not fly anytime in the park when there is a burial service. By doing this as a Resolution, the Commission could come back and make adjustments.

Commissioner Loncar asked how many times Director Richmond sees these unmanned remote-control air crafts on park property.

Director Richmond replied that it is not very frequently. They do have one gentleman who has a remote-control airplane and a drone that she is aware of and he flies one item at a time at Mill Pond. She has seen them also occasionally at Shiawassee. She feels like they are addressing the concerns with the revision that they made to 2a. She expressed her concerns over enforcement. The Resolution presented upholds the air vehicle portion of the ordinance amendment and uses the language, "unless it is a Commission sponsored event." This will address the safety and liability issues that they are having.

Commissioner Parke stated that he has a concern about the size limitation of 55 pounds. This is a very large vehicle.

Director Richmond replied that the Commission can reduce this. She based this on other municipalities with similar ordinances. Anything above 55 pounds is a different ruling with the FAA and requires additional licensing.

Chairperson Bower replied that the paramotors weighed more than 55 pounds, but this has nothing to do with the weight of paramotors.

Director Richmond replied that the 55 pounds limit is only for unmanned remote-control aircrafts.

Chairperson Bower commented that he feels they would be pushing the envelope at 15 pounds.

Commissioner Parke suggested that they start with a lower number, 15 pounds sounds reasonable and this should incorporate most users. If there is an ongoing problem, they can revise the Resolution.

Director Richmond added that realistically, she would not be able to tell if it was 15 pounds or 20 pounds.

Commissioners discussed the weight restriction; they agreed with dropping it to 15 pounds.

Commissioner Parke stated that he would add language that would allow the Director of the Parks and Recreation to suspend the Resolution for major events. He added that this would probably require some type of posting.

Commissioners discussed adding this suspension language.

Director Richmond replied that she will ask the Township Attorney because she thinks they are covered because of the language in item D.

Commissioners agreed that this additional language was not needed.

Commissioners and Director Richmond discussed how the Resolution would be followed and enforced.

Commissioner Vallad moved to adopt the Resolution regarding Operation of Air Vehicles and Remote-Control Aircrafts with the recommended changes from Director Richmond as discussed at the meeting this evening on February 12, 2019. Supported by Chairperson Bower. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bills List

Commissioner Vallad moved to approve the February bills list totaling \$3,634.40 and Trust in Agency \$150.00. Supported by Commissioner Loncar.

Commissioner Parke asked about the \$4,900 charge.

Director Richmond answered that this is for the annual contract with RecPro for software.

Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

Commissioner Vallad congratulated Director Richmond on a good job with the budget.

Director Richmond replied that due to the wet fall, there were several projects that could not be completed and that will need to be brought to the Commission to do in 2019.

Commissioner Parke suggested that Director Richmond get a pre-approval so that if the weather breaks and she gets a window of opportunity, she could get those projects done.

Director Richmond concurred.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Hartman Property Committee

Director Richmond summarized the recent Hartman Property Committee meeting and the progress report provided. Commissioners discussed the progress report.

B. Maintenance Garage Committee

Director Richmond provided a summary of the recent Maintenance Garage Committee meeting and she summarized the information in the progress report that was provided.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioners commented on the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Commissioner Vallad added that she will not be able to attend the March meeting.

Director Richmond stated that March 5, 2019 is the Public Meeting regarding Mill Pond Park Dam. It will be held 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Commissioner Parke added that he will not be at the March meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Bower moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:38 pm. Supported by Commissioner Loncar. Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Parke, Spicer, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.