

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Unapproved Minutes –October 26, 2009 Regular Meeting
Resort Township
2232 Resort Pike Road
Petoskey, MI 49770

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gulledge.

B. ROLL CALL

Members present: Gulledge, Ferguson , Schemanski, Nauss-Newsted, Coveyou, Kranig, and Jankowski (arrived 8:15)

Members absent: None

Public present: Dan Ulrich (NDG), Howard Haselschwardt (NDG), Holly Jakeway, and Fred Jakeway

C. PUBLIC COMMENT HhE

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10-26-01

Moved Newsted, second Schemanski to approve as written.

Ayes 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.

E. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

10-26-02

1. September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting- Moved Gulledge, second Newsted to approve as written with one spelling change in the second paragraph of item G-1.

Ayes 6. Nays 0. Motion carried.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10-26-03

1. West section of East Park

- Dan Ulrich presented an overall drawing of this area, which showed some grade information. One main point of this information was that the slopes from the parking areas are greater at the east end closest to where the pavilion would be located. The entrance to the playground/pavilion area would be best located at the central area in order to avoid using steps or a long ramp at the end for access to the pavilion. After further discussion, it was agreed to use only the central access at this time and only add steps at the east end if people are climbing the bank in order to get to the pavilion.

- A second drawing was presented which showed a layout of the lower level with the playground area outline, pavilion/restroom location, and pathways connecting these areas to the parking area. This layout also

included tree and shrub locations between the parking and other areas. One point of discussion was that this layout showed the pavilion in an orientation, which had the restrooms at the end closest to the playground area. The original intent, of the committee, was to have the pavilion portion facing more towards the playground to provide more visual access from there to the playground. Another point of discussion was to reduce the number of trees between the parking area and the other areas. The playground area layout is acceptable to everyone with the swings located towards the end closest to the lake.

- Dan Ulrich presented a drawing of the pavilion/restroom. There was discussion of the overall size of the structure, which resulted in agreement that the size is OK. One aspect of this design is that the doors for the two restrooms and the storage room are all located on one side. It was decided that the doors would be relocated to have one facing towards the playground so that they would not all be a row on one side. Also, that the storage room would be located on the other end with the restrooms next to each other. The resultant would be a door on each of three sides with the side opposite the playground being access to the storage room.

- There was significant discussion about the orientation of the pavilion/restroom structure. The resultant of this discussion was a marked up copy of the area layout drawing showing an agreed upon orientation. Further discussion resulted in markups of the sidewalk locations around two sides of the playground area and connecting paths to the pavilion.

- There was discussion about having a location shown for a second pavilion or gazebo structure at the west end. It was decided to not show anything in that area at this time and that this would be looked at later. The west section will be left open at this time as play area.

- It was decided that there would be a layout added to the drawing for the sidewalk connecting the upper and lower sections. This will be done keeping in mind that there would be picnic table in various locations along this route. There was also discussion about having some of these picnic tables covered. The path would be installed now with picnic tables later.

- Howard brought up a point about universal accessibility, which is a current standard for full access for all individuals to all areas of a facility. This approach would include sidewalks and ramped slopes around and to every use area. He stated that if this approach is used for the design, there might be better access to grant funds.

- There was discussion in regards to having some type of wind break devices (roll up covers, doors, etc.) on the pavilion open sections, which could be closed during bad weather. The resultant of this discussion was that there would not be anything added at this time.

2. Add map for West Park to be located in entrance area showing all areas of park

- Schemanski brought in pictures of a map sign from the Susan Lake Nature Area. This sign had a color map in the central area with pictures of the park area around the perimeter. Paul had also taken some photos of the West Park and had put them together in a sample layout along with an aerial view of the park. Paul volunteered to contact the organization that is

associated with the Susan Lake Park to find out where they had their sign made.

3. Playground Equipment – East Park

- Was covered during Item 1 discussion.

4. Small Pavilion for west side of East Park

- Was covered during Item 1 discussion.

H. NEW BUSINESS

10-26-04

1. Open West Park for Winter

- After discussion, Schemanski moved, second Kranig, that we keep West Park open including plowing of the parking lot and restroom check once a week with garbage removal. Also, to keep the entrance to East Park plowed from the US 31 to the upper gates.

Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried

- Fred Jakeway will provide a quote for providing the plowing and restroom maintenance as stated in the above motion.

2. Recreation Questions for Public Survey for Comprehensive Plan Update

- After discussion, Gullege moved, second Ferguson to propose that the following three questions be added to the survey:

- What improvements would you like to see at our existing parks?

- What additional recreation facilities or activities would you like to see within the township?

- If you use the township parks, which parks and for what purpose?

Ayes 7. Nays 0. Motion carried

I. MEMBER REPORTS

10-26-05

Schemanski:

- Paul brought in a completed parks survey.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

10-26-06

Fred Jakeway:

- Fred asked when he should clean and close up the restrooms at East Park for the season. He was given October 31st as the last date for the restrooms to be open.

K. ADJOURNMENT

10-26-07

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Submitted by

Jon Coveyou, Committee Secretary