

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes – March 19, 2015

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. by Tracy Thomas.

2. Roll call and determination of quorum.

Present: Tracy Thomas, Chuck Steuer, Tim Saville, David Gibbons, Jennifer DeLisle.

Absent with notice: Randy Rusch, Sam Iaquinto

Absent without notice: Doug Wilbur, Dennis Woodworth

Also present: Howard Fink, Tami Averill

3. Approval of agenda.

Motion by Thomas to approve the agenda. Second by Gibbons. Passed.

4. First call to the public.

None.

5. Minutes of February 19, 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes by Thomas. Second by DeLisle. Passed.

6. Correspondence.

Thomas reported that Steve Stefanowski is interested in talking to the Commission about improving access to baseball diamonds in the area. Thomas will contact him for more information.

7. A. Dog park discussion.

Saville will be aerate the park and inspect for holes and hazards. May need to get some dirt for fill.

Steuer reported that the park appeared to have been used most of the winter.

B. Eagle Scout project update. Lease?

Howard met with Tom DeKeyser. Tom would like the School District to be the organization that deals directly with the project. Garrett will be contacted and told that he needs to contact the schools directly. The Commission will still be available to help him if he needs it. The Township Board will still be asked about a donation towards the project being made by the Township.

C. Financial report.

None.

D. BMX Park update. Lease?

Howard reported that the insurance company indicated that there would be an additional yearly cost of approximately \$1,000.00 to add coverage for the BMX Park. There was discussion about how this might be handled – donations; change in terminology.

Howard and Sam laquinto will see about giving a presentation to the School Board and the Board of Trustees regarding the vision for the BMX Park.

E. Discussion regarding meeting attendance.

There was discussion regarding Commission Meeting attendance. Thomas expressed his belief that service on the Parks & Recreation Commission is voluntary service. As long as someone is making their best effort to attend and participate, that's the best anyone can ask for. He will check with Dennis Woodworth to see if he can attend more regularly or if he is no longer able to serve on the Commission.

F. Parks and Recreation master plan – Howard.

It is time for editing to begin. The current Master Plan draft was reviewed. Commissioners will read through it thoroughly and send their edits to Howard. There was also a discussion of demographic figures that Howard will be putting into the document.

The group will meet again on March 26, to focus on the completion of the Master Plan.

8. Comments of board members.

None.

9. Second call to the public.

None.

10. Announcement of next meeting, **March 26, 2015 to work on Master Plan.**

Next monthly meeting will be by April 16, 2015.

11. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Saville. Second by Thomas. Meeting was adjourned at 8:59p.m.