

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation Commission

Agenda – March 17, 2016

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.

2. Roll call and determination of quorum.

Present: Randy Rusch, Jennifer DeLisle, David Gibbons, Tim Saville, Chuck Steuer, Tracy T Thomas, Doug Wilbur

Absent with Notice: Sam Iaquinto

Also Present: Marlene Chockley; Howard Fink, Twp. Manager; Tami Averill, Community Ctr. Director.

3. Approval of agenda.

Motion was made by Gibbons to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Steuer. Passed.

4. First call to the public.

Marlene Chockley reported on attending a meeting regarding the Border to Border Trail. She suggested that it might be worth looking into how to get a spur of the trail into Whitmore Lake.

5. Minutes of February 16, 2016 meeting.

Motion was made by Thomas to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Wilbur. Passed.

6. Correspondence.

None.

7. Planning Commission Update, if any – Sam

Howard Fink reported that the Planning Commission voted to suspend the survey until they take up a review of the Master Plan.

8. Project review

A. Dog park discussion:

1. Plaque updates – Motion by Gibbons to remake the plaques. Second by Thomas. Passed

2. Lock box, Chuck – Chuck has the box. Bill was left at Twp. Office

3. Other – Tim would like to seed the grass at the Bark Park. Motion by Gibbons to allow Tim Saville to spend up to \$100.00 on grass seed. Second by Thomas. Passed.

B. Financial Report

None.

9. General Discussion

A. Proposal redefining role of Parks and Rec Commission, annual budget.

The proposal for establishing the Parks & Recreation Board was approved by the Twp. Board. A yearly appropriation of \$10,000.00 was also approved. Next step is to begin to create by-laws.

Need to begin thinking about what projects to focus on for the upcoming year.

- **River Walk**
- **Community Garden** – Get it started and let citizens take over.
4’x8’ plots with 3’ paths on each side. Create plots along 2 sides of the lot with middle of lot open for a possible gazebo or fire pit. Tim Saville will make 2 4’x8’ boxes. Jennifer DeLisle will paint a sign, with phone number to call to reserve a plot. Budget of \$500.00 was established. Other suggestions: prescreened, organic soil; bales of straw for mulch. Marlene Chockley suggested contacting Project Grow in Ann Arbor for assistance from Master Gardeners. Howard also suggested contacting Growing Hope in Ann Arbor. Advertise to the mobile home park and apartments.

B. Grant application for nature preserve (behind Public Safety Bldg.)

Howard decided to postpone applying for the grant. Will work on securing property first and then apply for the grant. Jennifer Carlisle has put together a brochure about the benefits of donating property to the effort for a nature preserve.

10. Comments of board members.

None

11. Next meeting April 21, 2016.

12. Second call to the public.

None

13. Adjournment.

Motion made by Steuer to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gibbons. Meeting adjourned at 8:11p.m.