

NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP

Parks and Recreation Board

Minutes – April 21, 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, Tracy Thomas, Sam Iaquinto, Jennifer DeLisle, Doug Wilbur, David Gibbons, Tim Saville.

Also Present: Howard Fink, Twp. Manager; Tami Averill, Community Ctr. Director; Cici Koenig.

3. Approval of agenda.

Motion made by Wilbur to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Gibbons. Passed.

4. First call to the public.

CiCi Koenig introduced herself to the Board. She has a Master's Degree in Landscape Planning and Urban Agriculture. She is interested in working with the Board on the Community Garden.

5. Minutes of March 17, 2016 meeting.

Correction – Change title from Parks and Recreation *Commission* to Board. Motion made by Thomas to approve minutes as amended. Second by Gibbons. Passed.

6. Correspondence.

None.

7. Planning Commission Update, if any – Sam

Sam Iaquinto reported that the Commission has restructured the zoning regarding churches.

8. Township property acquisition discussion.

Howard Fink reported that the Township is pursuing the purchase of the Van Curler property. The will be 90 days due diligence after the purchase agreement is signed. He asked what role the Parks & Rec Board would like to play in the future planning for the property. The unanimous opinion was that the Board should play a large role and will work to develop a vision for its use.

9. Project review

A. Community garden – Howard, Doug

Tim has been working on boxes – 2'x8' boxes = \$42.00 & 2'x6' boxes = \$36.00. Will make raised boxes for seniors and those with special needs. Boxes will be lined with cardboard as a natural

weed and moisture barrier. There was discussion regarding possible water sources – gravity fed, drip irrigation; 55 gal. barrels; look into the costs of getting the well working for future use.

CiCi Koenig offered a great deal of guidance and was adopted as the Community Garden Leader. She will put together a Photoshop presentation of her vision for the garden.

There will be a special meeting of the P & R Board at the Community Garden on **May 5 at 5:00p.m.**

B. Nature trail/river walk – Tim, Jennifer

Tim and Jennifer were not able to get to it before the meeting, but will be working on it.

C. Dog park (plaque, lock box, seeding update from Tim)

Saville reported that seeding has not yet been done, but will be taken care of within the week. The new plaques will be picked up next week. Chuck has the lock box and will get it installed. Bill Baldwin would like to attend a future meeting to discuss putting gravel down at the entrance to the Bark Park.

D. Other projects for 2016

The BMX Park is on hold for the time being.

10. Financial Report

No changes.

11. Comments of board members.

Randy Rusch announced that he is retiring from the Board and that this was his last meeting. He expressed how much he has enjoyed his time on the Board.

Randy Rusch made a motion to have Tracy Thomas return as the Acting Chairperson at the next meeting. Second by Iaquinto. Passed. Tracy will check to make sure it is alright for him to serve as the Chair while he is still on the Twp. Board.

Tim Saville and the other members thanked Randy for his service.

Tracy Thomas reminded the Board to not forget about the land behind the Twp. Hall as we move on with other things.

12. Next meeting May 19, 2016.

13. Second call to the public.

Nothing.

14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12p.m.