

# **NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP**

## **Parks and Recreation Board**

### **Agenda – March 15, 2018**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Present: Sam Iaquinto, Chuck Steuer, Tawn Beliger, Cici Koenig, Lee Cole, Doug Wilbur, Tim Saville, Jennifer DeLisle

Absent: David Gibbons

Also Present: Mike Krezman, WHMI Radio – broadcasting the meeting; Tami Averill, Community Center Director

#### **3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Iaquinto to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Cole. Passed.

#### **4. First Call to the Public**

None.

#### **5. Minutes of December 21, 2017 Meeting.**

Motion made by Steuer to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Wilbur. Passed.

#### **6. Correspondence**

Beliger – Heidi Roy-Borlin emailed suggestions to enhance the pedestrian path between Whitmore Lake Elementary School and downtown – sidewalk games, murals, play installations, etc. Further discussion of these ideas will come later in the agenda.

#### **7. Planning Commission Update**

Iaquinto reported that their last meeting was spent updating ordinances.

#### **8. Township Board Update**

Beliger passed out a summary of the last meeting. She mentioned that Chief Wagner had mentioned that there was an issue with underage drinking during the Pond Hockey Tournament. There was also discussion regarding a culvert/road issue and the tree removal on North Territorial.

#### **9. School Board Update**

Cole reported on the threat made to the school. He commended Tom DeKeyser and the Northfield Twp. Police Dept. for how the situation was handled. They did a fine job.

Students are planning a Trojan Pride pep rally in response. Living Water is planning a prayer session for this Sunday at 5:00p.m. He also commended the student body of Whitmore Lake Public Schools for their all-around exemplary behavior and character.

#### **10. Downtown Planning Group Update**

Saville and Wilbur reported that RFQ for the North Village/Community Park have gone out.

There are plans to create a walking loop (9 Mile – East Shore Dr. – Main St.) that would include periodic exercise spots and, possibly, historical signage/information. Koenig cautioned that these areas might not be used as much as expected. Will they have longevity?

#### **11. Project Review & Discussion**

##### **a. Community Garden – CiCi, Tim, Sam, Dave, Doug**

Koenig presented the finished flyer. She will be printing and distributing it in the next week or so. No more boxes, other than some raised boxes, need to be built. Cardboard to put under the mulch is needed. The Twp. has been saving some, but there may be a problem with too much ink on them. Saville has a source for plain cardboard boxes.

There was discussion regarding the issue of water for the garden. The Twp. purchased a pump through funds from a grant. Plan A – install hand pump. Plan B – Find out what it will take to activate current well. Wilbur will contact DTE. If the water tanks are used, they will be plumbed for a spigot.

The committee will come to the April meeting with a plan and a budget, so the water issue can be taken care of in time to get the garden going as soon as possible when the weather breaks.

##### **b. Bark Park – Chuck, Randy, Lee**

Iaquinto reported that the Bark Park Rules are not official Twp. ordinances. Beliger will talk to the Board of Trustees about asking the Planning Commission to adopt an ordinance that will make the rules for the Bark Park enforceable.

Steuer will visit the Bark Park before the April meeting and report on any maintenance that needs to be done and their costs.

##### **c. New Community Park – Doug, Tawn, Tim**

RFQs are out.

#### **12. Discussion of Grant Opportunity**

There was a discussion of the grant opportunity through KaBOOM! and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. Heidi Roy-Bolin's ideas were further discussed. Averill reported that there are residents interested a radio control car track for the community.

There is definite interest in pursuing this grant opportunity, but a chairperson is needed to move it along. Beliger will contact Heidi Roy-Bolin about meeting to discuss her ideas further and putting a proposal together. She will also contact Twp. Manager, Steve Ayers. Others will help as needed.

#### **13. Financial Report and Financial Action Items**

The current financial statements were reviewed. After the payment for Waste Management (Bark Park) was taken out, there current balance is \$4,696.00 remaining.

Wilbur made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Supported by Steuer.  
Passed.

**14. Board Member Comments**

DeLisle – Expressed her concerns and sadness regarding the County removal of old/historic trees along North Territorial Rd.

**15. Announcement of Next Meeting – April 19, 2017 @ 7:00p.m.**

**16. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.