

# **NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP**

## **Parks and Recreation Commission**

### **Minutes – July 17, 2014**

#### **1. Call to order.**

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

#### **2. Roll call and determination of quorum.**

Present: Randy Rusch, David Gibbons, Tim Saville, Tracy Thomas, Jennifer Delisle, Howard Fink, Tami Averill

Absent With Notice: Chuck Steuer

Absent Without Notice: Doug Wilbur, Sam Iaquinto, Dennis Woodworth

#### **3. Approval of agenda.**

Moved by Thomas to approve agenda as presented. Seconded by Gibbons. Passed.

#### **4. First call to the public.**

None.

#### **5. Welcome new members.**

New members Doug Wilbur, Tim Saville and Dennis Woodworth were welcomed to the Commission.

#### **6. Minutes of May 22, 2014 meeting.**

Rusch moved to approve the minutes as presented. Supported by Gibbons. Passed.

#### **7. Correspondence.**

Howard Fink reported that a gentleman has made an offer to give back a parcel of land in the Summer Home Subdivision (behind Township Hall) to the Township. It would fit nicely into the planned park area. The issue will go before the Board of Trustees.

Randy Rusch reported that he received a letter from Barbara Griffith-Watkins extending an offer to donate a gazebo for the Bark Park. Moved by Gibbons to respond that the Commission is interested, but would like more information regarding materials and Eagle Scouts. Second by Thomas. Passed.

#### **8. Policy discussion.**

**A. BMX park discussion – continue discussion, with guest input.**

Howard reported that he talked to Lynne Hart regarding the possibility of a BMX Park at the Jennings Road Park, and had received a positive response to the idea. There was discussion regarding what the status of the park would be with the possible annexation of the school district. The Commission agreed that the idea should be tabled until a decision is made regarding the school district.

Randy Rusch will open a discussion with a couple of the School Board members to remind them that the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Township are concerned about the future of Jennings Road Park.

**B. Dog park discussion – continue discussion for Grand Opening; attendees, speakers, exhibitors, etc. Discuss future enhancements. Gazebo, or ?**

The Grand Opening ceremony was held on June 21. It was well attended. Thank you to Costco for providing refreshments for both the dogs and their humans. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the ceremony happen.

The sign doesn't quite fit the frame. The old sign should be moved to the park entrance. When Chuck Steuer returns, he will be asked to look into both sign matters.

Tim Saville has mowed the park once this month. Moved by Rusch to pay Tim \$20.00 for the mowing. Second by Gibbons. Yeas -4. Abstained – Tim Saville. Passed.

**C. Community Meeting summary and follow-up.**

Only one community member, David Gordon, attended the meeting. There was discussion regarding how best to move forward – schedule another meeting, online survey, etc. It was decided to move forward with writing the master plan and then have a community meeting to unveil it and then cycle the community input back into it.

Moved by Gibbons to reimburse Howard for the \$25.79 he spent on refreshments for the meeting. Second by Saville. Passed.

**8. Comments of board members.**

Gibbons – Pleased that things are going well with the Commission.

Saville – Need to reach out to the community's farmers. Some families have been here for more than 150 years. Possibly give them the opportunity to donate acreage to the Township. Randy and Tim will attend a Historical Society meeting to give a report on what the Commission is doing.

Thomas – Let's move the Master Plan document along. Tami and Howard will start writing and will ask for help as needed. Board will give editorial input.

**9. Second call to the public.**

None.

**10. Announcement of next meeting.**

The next meeting will take place on August 21, 2014.

**11. Adjournment.**

Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Saville. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.