

**FINAL
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COMMERCE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, April 25, 2022
2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Petsch called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: William Petsch, Chairperson
Johnny Walker, Vice Chairperson
Barbara Garbutt, Secretary
Bob Berkheiser
Krystal Schwartz
Kathryn Duff
Ron Krueger

Also Present: Emily England, Director of Senior Services/Parks & Recreation
Allison Kennedy, Asst. to Parks & Recreation Director
Mark Schoder, Maintenance Director

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Garbutt, seconded by Schwartz, to approve the March 28, 2022, Parks and Recreation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes with the following corrections:

1. Add George Weber, Township Trustee to the attendance list.
2. Change Item 11 to Item 10.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Petsch opened to Public Comments.

There were no comments.

Chairperson Petsch closed to Public Comments.

ITEM 1a: ACUITY 5K

Dr. Edwin Gay, Acuity Optics & Medical Eye Care, PLLC, was present to address the request.

Dr. Gay – In 2019, we hosted the Acuity 5K at Dodge Park V. You may have the course maps in front of you. It took place starting on the sidewalk and following the trail along S. Commerce Road. It turns around and doesn't actually cross any roads, besides the Dodge Park entrance. It wraps around the Library and finishes. We had the pavilion for about an hour or two that morning. The first time we had 51 participants.

All of the collections from the race were donated to the Michigan Chapter of VOSH, Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity. They take the money and send doctors to third world countries to provide glasses and vision care for those in need.

I was hoping to hold the race the last couple of years, but of course with COVID concerns, we didn't want to have to cancel it. This is the first year trying to bring that back.

Chairperson Petsch – Is there any other event scheduled in the park?

Director England – What is the date?

Dr. Gay – We did not lock down a date yet. I was hoping for a Sunday in either July or August. It would be early. Last time we started at 8:00am. We cleared out by about 9:30am. I have a few dates I would not be able to do that.

Director England – So, it wouldn't interfere with anything at the Library. They don't open until noon on Sundays. When we lock down a date, we will run it by CW3. I don't think having them on the path will impact soccer, as long as they're not parking on that side. We will verify once we nail down a date.

Chairperson Petsch – What type of numbers do you figure you will see?

Dr. Gay – The first year we had it, we had 51. Obviously, we will be hoping to surpass that. I don't imagine it would be anything crazy, like more than triple that. I hope for triple digits this time.

Director England – And you still have the insurance requirements and everything?

Dr. Gay – Yes.

Mr. Berkheiser and Dr. Gay discussed the route for the 5K race. Ms. Kennedy had sent the map out separately in an email today.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Krueger, to approve the Acuity 5K in July or August, providing there is no conflict in finding a date.

Discussion –

Director England – Send your dates over to Allison and we will confirm with the league.

Dr. Gay – Got it.

Mr. Berkheiser – Emily, does this need to go before the Board?

Director England – No.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 2: LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Windmill Farms (Horse Farm) – Carrie Hancock

- Pony rides at Byers Farm for the Photos with the Easter Bunny event; they were a huge success. We also signed up several new riders for lessons.
- It's worth doing again and I talked with Karen about doing some kind of theme with that, Old Fashioned Days or Western Days.

- We just had our April horse show. It was a success. We had a quite few new, young riders participating. Those are the busiest classes with the young kids.
- May 22nd is our next horse show at Windmill.
- Wednesday, May 25th, at 6:30pm, we will have a Walled Lake High School Equestrian informational meeting at the farm.
- We continue to do lessons 7 days a week.
- Our in-house Boy Scout merit badge counselor has turned in all paperwork and is still awaiting approval.
- This RFP process continues to be a disruption and it's causing difficulty with forward planning, but we continue to work with it.

Mr. Berkheiser – Carrie, do you know when the horse shows are? Apparently we got a call Friday with a comment that different folks, from Parks or the Board, should go over to the horse show and we didn't know anything about it. If you know when they are in advance, it would be nice to turn those in so they can get put on the Township calendar so we know when. When you have preset events, and you said another is coming May 22nd, to my knowledge that's the first we've heard of the May show. If you know when those are, turn them into Emily.

Director England – When he says Township calendar, it would be for staff.

Ms. Hancock – Honestly, these were put together with very short notice. Certainly, going forward, I said we can pull these off. Since it's done in-house, we talked with the students and we were able to pull it together.

Director England – Just shoot me a message and let me know.

Ms. Hancock – Right, exactly. That's what we did this last time, but the April one was very short notice. May you have. We will continue to notify you as the information becomes available.

Interlakes Girls Softball – Tim Bailey

- We had our field cleanup a few weeks ago. The fields look really good.
- Tonight, we are kicking off our 50th season of girls softball.

Mr. Bailey thanked Chairperson Petsch, the Committee and staff and presented everyone with commemorative t-shirts with the original logo. The Committee congratulated Tim and Interlakes Girls Softball on celebrating 50 years.

Friends of Byers – Dean & Karen Schantz

- Our Easter recap:
 - We had 130 kids and 110 adults.
 - We took 99 pictures with the Easter Bunny.
 - Our pony rides were a big success. It was the best thing for the kids. Carrie and I will do it again.
 - The event is always very successful, and I think this was probably the smoothest and easiest going that we've ever had. It's getting better as we do it by appointment.

- Next pony ride event: Are there any particular times, or should we request dates to have the ponies on the grounds at Byers?

Director England – If you're going to have them at any of your events, just let us know you're adding that to your event. If you come up with a special event, you can shoot me an email.

Mrs. Schantz – I don't think it would be at our events.

Director England – As long as the Parks Committee has already approved them to be at Byers for special days or certain events, just send me a list of the dates when you get them and I can set it up with the Parks Committee.

Chairperson Petsch and Mrs. Schantz discussed where kids ride the ponies on the grounds of Byers.

Mrs. Schantz –

- May 15th is our spring cleanup planting day.
 - That's with Troop 308.
 - Our big thing is to put woodchips down and cleanup the gardens.
 - If it's a nice day, we'll wash the siding on the farmhouse.
 - We're going to move the remaining stones where the porta potty goes.
 - There will be an additional porta potty for Art on the River.

Discussion took place regarding placement of the porta potties, the size of the handicap unit, and the new company that the Township is working with for these services.

Mrs. Schantz –

- We will also clean out the butterfly garden. Some plants may need to be replaced.
- Art on the River is looking good.
 - She extended her online posting to the 27th for more vendors. I think she wants 6 more.
 - We walked the site last weekend and platted it out together.
 - Has she contacted you?

Director England – No.

Mrs. Schantz – Okay, I will make sure Cindy contacts you. She seems to be in charge. Do you need a copy of the license of their food vendor?

Director England – I need a copy. We don't have it yet.

Ms. Kennedy – So they did find a food truck to come in?

Mrs. Schantz – It's a barbecue vendor. We think we will put him by the side of the dress barn.

Mrs. Schantz –

- We're refacing the front of the barn this year.
- We would like a new approval to remove the Byers Country Store sign. We will recut the plywood and hand it over to the artist, who will paint it exactly like the old Byers sign.
- We have bids out on the pricing of the barn wood.
- I have three estimates coming for the farmhouse roof, which is Spencer Roofing, Roof Right, and Nick Marshall. I tried to do Commerce businesses, but Nick is from Milford. He is a friend of one of our members.
- We are also going to add on and have the whole duck barn re-roofed. The shingles are damaged. We will keep the two roofs in sync for the farmhouse and the duck barn.

Discussion took place regarding the Byers sign. It is ready to fall off. It needs to be removed and replaced.

MOTION by Krueger, supported by Schwartz, to take down the Byers Country Store sign, rebuild and repair it, and put it back up.

Discussion –

Mr. Walker – You're also refacing the front of the barn, right?

Mrs. Schantz – We are, and we're building a new door. We put a new window in it last year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Berkheiser – Karen, just to coordinate. We had a request from a member that when the boys come and coordinate with you on cleanup, May 15th, they're also supposed to go across the street and walk the trails in Mill Race to pick up trash. Do you have trash bags for them?

Mr. Schantz – I'll talk with Brad and we'll coordinate.

Mr. Berkheiser – Is there an update on the contract for the farmhouse?

Director England – Last week, Hans updated us that the Dailey Company is talking again. They were waiting for one more document from the Dailey Company. He was hoping it should be done by this week.

CW3 Soccer – Chris Haney

- We started the season on time.
- We have had to shift games from Field #3, the new field, over onto Field #1 every weekend because Mother Nature has not been cooperating.
- Thank you for getting the bathrooms ready to go. We had some cold weather that caused us to not be able to use them the first weekend, but your guys made provisions to keep them going.
- Everything seems to be working really well.
- The sprinkler system repair did work.

Chairperson Petsch – Emily, do we have anything from Commerce Little League or Lakes?

Director England – Nothing from Commerce Little League. Lakes Athletics was included in your packet. They did note on their report about the potholes. We're having Maple Glen graded this week, but we are holding off on Hickory Glen. We will have our Maintenance guys work on the bad areas there because construction will be starting within the next couple weeks. We will make it manageable until then.

Lakes Athletics Association – Jerry Stoddard

A report dated April 19, 2022, was submitted in the packet:

- *League Update – Spring 2022 registration is now underway with HG Park Clean-Up completed April 9th and practices nightly; LAKES received a record-breaking 300+ Registrants! Spring 2022 Opening Day will be April 30th weekend.*
- *Upcoming Dates & Information*
 - *Season Dates – April 30th is Opening Day.*
 - *Monthly Meeting – Next scheduled is April 27th.*
 - *2022 Capital Improvements – Installation work completed of new backstop fencing on F2 & F5 with taller fence and overhang to limit ball flight into parking lots, cars, crowd. (Safety Improvement measure). To be funded and paid by LAA.*
- *Needs From Township*
 - *Porto-Johns / Restrooms – Needs b/w F1 and F2; F5; 1 more if possible by F6/F7. Twp supplied.*
 - *Flagpoles – (Township support flagpole implementation/electrical). Would love to have installation for 2022 Spring Season; Ribbon Cutting / Dedication Ceremony either Opening Day April 30th or Championship Weekend in mid-June.*
 - *Parking Lot Construction – Township to provide updates; especially schedule, so we can advise scheduled teams around any planned construction.*
 - *Road Graded – Many potholes on drive; not sure if we can get 1 run before construction, or if the construction starts soon; no point.*

No representatives were present at the meeting for the following leagues:

- Commerce Little League
- Lakes Area Hawks
- Motor City Mountain Bike Association

ITEM 3: TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Mr. Berkheiser provided the following:

- Last month, we had a couple meetings.
- Barb Garbutt was reappointed to the Library Board. Congratulations, Barb, on another three years.
- The contract for the Hickory Glen park improvements was taken care of.
- For informational purposes, we also authorized the contract for the Lystek system. That is the waste system that will reformulate waste into fertilizer for animal feed.
- We have also done an initial code amendment for an ordinance looking at sidewalks and recreational pathways. If it happens to run by your property, you will be responsible for clearing. The bigger issue is on repairs so we can keep our sidewalks and pathways in good shape.

- We've redone some play equipment. That was approved for Richardson and Bicentennial.

ITEM 4: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ms. England discussed the following:

- The majority of it is in my report.
- The Senior Center numbers are climbing every day.
- We've brought back some day trips. Our first one is scheduled. It was posted last Thursday. We have a 33-passenger cap and we're already at 18. That's a huge response. We're looking into other day trips.
- Our People's Express numbers are rising. Over the last few months, we've kept an eye on that. At this time, the service we're getting is still the best benefit for the Township. We will keep a close eye on that, and if we need to make changes, we will do that moving forward.
- We received a grant for \$152,000 from Oakland County Trailways to repave at Long Park and put in the pathway connection to MDOT's Metro Trail. We got the largest grant out of any of the applications.
- We just found out on Friday that we did receive the Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Grant. That project will be fully funded by grant funds, and I know that they've already pulled the MDOT permit so that should kickoff soon.

ITEM 5: PARK LIAISON REPORTS

Duff – Hickory Glen Park

- Hickory Glen looked pretty good, other than the potholes.
- I walked through on Saturday, all the way through the path up to Commerce Road. The path looked clean and nothing was down blocking it at all.

Walker – Maple Glen & Windmill Farm

- Maple Glen looks good.
- We already talked about the potholes there. There's some big ones.
- I was there over the weekend. It was very busy.
- It looked really nice. I noticed everybody has cleaned it all up.

Garbutt – Long Park & Snowy Ridge Park

- There's still plenty of activity with people checking out the birds and things.
- I met with Wynn Berry, who the lake is named after. He was concerned about the bridge, but Mark, Emily and I have talked about that. It will be taken care of sometime this summer.
- Bill has more to add to that.

Chairperson Petsch – Mr. Berry also contacted me and said there seems to be a problem with the culvert on Welch Road. He feels it is blocked up and causing some flooding damage. Mark, are you familiar with that?

Mr. Schoder – No, we will look at it tomorrow.

Mr. Berkheiser – Is that us, or is it the county?

Chairperson Petsch – I don't know, but Mr. Berry called me and said it's causing a problem with the lake.

Director England – I think the county would do the fix, but we need to verify if it is blocked. I will call Jason if it is blocked.

Ms. Garbutt – The mess is still there on the road at Long Park.

Chairperson Petsch – It's supposed to be done by the end of the month. Their lease is up.

Petsch – Bicentennial Park

- We were at Bicentennial today.
- Looking forward to the new playground facility, and so are the neighbors. We got some input on that.
- We need to get those grills and picnic tables out there.
- The park has really come a long way in the last few years.

Director England – It actually looked really good tonight. Mark, you and your guys did a great job over there cleaning that up.

Discussion continued regarding potholes, the tennis courts, and branches on the list to be addressed at Bicentennial Park.

Krueger – Dodge Park

- I went by today and they were replacing the two fence sections that got damaged by a fallen tree.
- Things are looking good.
- Spring is here and a lot of stuff is growing. I need to connect with Emily to find out what some of the procedures are. The butterfly garden needs to be cleaned up. I don't know who is responsible for that.

Director England – That's us, our Maintenance Department.

Schwartz – Byers and Mill Race

- Byers looked great.
- I went by there twice in the past month.
- Mill Race, a couple of things. It can definitely use some help from the Boy Scouts.
- All of the paths looked clear of branches, which was nice to see.
- The front clean-out is wonderful and a lot of people have commented on it.
- It can definitely use woodchips on the pathways, which are coming soon.
- I know someone is supposed to paint over the graffiti.

Director England – Larry is dealing with that. It involves a minor.

Mr. Schoder – Last I heard, we're waiting for it to warm up and Larry will contact the parents to set up a date for him to go out, clean it and paint with anti-graffiti paint.

Director England – That is what was given to the prosecutor for cost.

Discussion continued between Berkheiser and Schoder regarding use of the wood chipper to clear the branches and trees in front of Mill Race. The chips will be put along the pathways. This will be coordinated on May 15th when the Scouts will be onsite.

Ms. Schwartz – I want to also note that the signs look fantastic and I'm very happy that they're up at Victory Park and Wise Woods.

Berkheiser – Wise Woods & Victory Park

- The silt fence is blowing over.

Director England – Jason knows and he was going to look at it. It's a permitting issue. As soon as the grass starts coming in, then they can remove the silt fence.

Berkheiser –

- I think everyone is aware of the survey we have to do for the permit. We have to look for human remains all throughout the park.

Director England – That did get approved by the Board. That's going to start mid-May into June. I'll let you know. They want to look for prehistoric and historic. It's a potential Indian settlement along Hayes Creek. And, because it's a former Nike missile site, they want to look for that too. We are now on the hunt for site plans for the Nike missile base that show above and below ground structures. That will reduce the amount of area that needs to be surveyed.

Ms. Schwartz – Can you FOIA that?

Director England – It looks like we will have to. We're hitting dead-ends. If necessary, we will FOIA the Army Corps.

ITEM 6: VILLAGE OF WOLVERINE UPDATE

Ms. Duff discussed the following with the Committee:

- At the end of May, they're doing the Village-wide spring garage sale, May 19th – May 21st.
- Memorial Weekend, May 28th, the Village is doing a 5K and a kids bubble run.
 - The 5K starts at 10am.
 - Check-in is at 8:30am.
 - Cost is \$30 and that includes a t-shirt.
 - The race loop will go from Gilbert Willis Park, in Wixom, along Glengary up to Clara Miller Park.
- They have scheduled Tuesdays in the Park; June 14th, July 12th and August 23rd. That will be 6pm-830pm I believe, with a bounce house, ice cream, et cetera.

Discussion continued regarding the 5K route and the Veteran's Memorial.

ITEM 7: MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Schoder discussed the following with the Committee:

- The buildings at Scarlet's and Maple Glen are open.
- Maple Glen needs a new hot water heater; I think it's a 20-gallon.
- Scarlet's has issues with two faucets. We need to work on the mechanicals. They won't shut off. Emily will see if they're under warranty.
- Brush will be cleared up in the next couple of weeks.
- There are a few things we need to replace on the bridges, and then we will start cleaning and sealing. There will be four bridges; two on S. Commerce, and two in Hickory Glen. Those are all on schedule for this year.

Mr. Berkheiser – Mark, do you have the one over by Byers?

Mr. Schoder – We did that last year.

Mr. Berkheiser – Okay.

Mr. Schoder – We're trying an every other year schedule. Same thing with Mill Race, then we'll head over to Long Park and get that straightened up.

Ms. Garbutt – Mark, I was wondering about the fence that goes along Mill Race Park.

Mr. Schoder – The split-rail; we straightened it up last year, but kids sit on it all the time.

Ms. Garbutt – It needs a little tune-up.

Mr. Berkheiser – Are you fully staffed?

Mr. Schoder – We're still looking for one more. But we have a good crew now.

Steven Michell, 4662 Bluebird, Commerce Township – You mentioned working on some of the bridges. That's one of the reasons I came today. I was wondering about the bridge going down the path on S. Commerce. It's in disrepair. The ramps on either side are probably 30 degrees when an ADA ramp should be like 5 degrees. The ramps are not as wide as the bridge. We turned a multiuse, two-way path into a one-way path by putting up those yellow gates.

Mr. Berkheiser – Those are put up to prevent the snowmobilers and four-wheelers from flying through there.

Mr. Michell – I understand that, but it also creates a safety hazard for people on bikes, baby carriages, et cetera. You narrowed a two-way path down to one-way.

Discussion continued regarding the bollards, narrowing of the opening to the bridges, and preventing motorized vehicles.

Mr. Michell – Is that part of the bridge maintenance you were talking about, or do we need to have a separate discussion?

Director England – That was actually requested by our former Township Supervisor. I think that would have to be a question with our new Township Supervisor if he wants to keep those up or not.

Mr. Mitchell – The yellow gates?

Director England – Yes.

Mr. Mitchell – I'm also concerned about safety on either side of the bridge.

Director England – We can have our Building Department check the ramps. We may need to extend them.

Mr. Berkheiser – That's a good topic for Public Comments. That would be an opportunity for you to get up, state your name and address, and then give us that information.

ITEM 8: CW3 BENCH LOCATION

Mr. Haney – A gentleman, Glenn Oliver, his daughters grew up playing CW3. Glenn passed away May 16, 2021. The one-year anniversary is coming up. CW3 has applied on their behalf for a memorial bench to be located somewhere in Dodge Park, relative to the soccer field. Emily and I will go look together and I will show her the areas that I think would be great to have a bench, where someone could enjoy watching a game from and the beautiful scenery at the park, that would be fitting of Mr. Oliver and his daughters and the contributions they've made to CW3 Soccer. I believe that's all we really need to do, right Emily?

Director England – Yes, we need to have a general location. Per the bench policy, which was approved by this Committee and the Township Board, they can specify what park they want to put their bench in, and then the ultimate location is decided by the Parks Committee and Parks Department. Chris is here to request a location. So, you want it in relation to the soccer fields. Is it near the original two, or near the third?

Mr. Haney – The original two.

Director England – Maybe somewhere off that pathway?

Mr. Haney – Yes, the idea is for the public to use it. There's a couple locations I had in mind. One is on the north end, at the closest field to S. Commerce, as the bike path curves, closest to the Library. It's a northern side, so southern exposure for sun all season long. I'm trying to locate it so it's not a hazard, but also so it's not an obstruction when they're mowing and maintaining that area. That north end of Field #1 would be optimal, or similarly, maybe the north end of Field #2.

Director England – I think there's a lot of good locations up there. If the Committee is happy with that general location, Mark and I can meet onsite with Chris.

Mr. Krueger – The first time I walked that park, that's one of the things I thought of, exactly in that area where it faces the soccer field and backs toward the stream. By that time, I had already run out of gas.

Discussion continued regarding the location and park features.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Schwartz, to approve the CW3 Memorial Bench location, as long as it meets approval with Parks Director England and Maintenance Director Schoder, preferably the north end of Field #1 or #2.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 9: PARK EVENT UPDATE

Ms. England discussed the following with the Committee:

- Things are moving along great.
- Allison has done a lot of work already for the M-5K, as far as securing shirts. She has a logo created for the dog walk portion, and bandanas. We've already got sponsorships rolling in.
- I don't have the list of bands in front of me, but they have all been selected.
- I think we have a lot of activities that are kid-friendly.
- It's going to be a good, successful year as long as the weather cooperates.
- We have been working with Ron for the holiday event to get a tree planted. He will go out and tag the tree for us. That way, we will make sure we get good quality and it gets done correctly with his help.
- Allison, do you want to give an update on the Pop Grant? They had approved you to apply for that last month, and I know you received word back from Oakland County on those.

Ms. Kennedy –

- We got approval for the Christmas event to do the glow golf, so we will have that in one room. Then we'll have pictures with Santa and kids' activities in the other room.
- We had also requested to do a movie night, but I have not heard back on that. I reached out to them again today. They will bring out all the equipment and staff, and they will set everything up for us to do a movie in the park.

Chairperson Petsch – Including the fees, they take care of everything?

Ms. Kennedy – The grant covers everything.

Mr. Berkheiser – Have we picked a date for a movie night?

Ms. Kennedy – I want to say we requested August 23rd. It depends on their availability.

Discussion continued regarding movies being held at dusk, sunset times, and upcoming additional funding opportunities.

ITEM 10: OTHER MATTERS

Todd Forester Memorial Bench

Ms. Kennedy – We received another bench request for Todd Forester. They're hoping to have everything installed by July 4th. I told her that we have the benches, but we don't have the plaques yet. We don't know how long it will take to get those in. She has a few different ideas of where they would like it:

1. Maple Glen
2. Hickory Glen
3. Dodge Park V

Their main request is to have it anywhere along the Lakes Community Trail.

Director England – I support their request for Maple Glen. We already have pads for park benches along the Lakes Community Trail that runs through Maple Glen. We can offer them a few options there and they can pick which pad they want it put on.

Chairperson Petsch – That's their #1 choice.

Director England – Yes, it's their #1 and I agree.

MOTION by Walker, supported by Krueger, to approve the Todd Forester memorial bench location, in Maple Glen at one of the pre-existing pad sites, as long as it meets approval with Parks Director England and Maintenance Director Schoder.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Berkheiser and Ms. England discussed the number of benches ordered, installing a couple at Wise Woods, ordering more for the sponsorships that are coming in and the timeline for manufacturing. Director England would have the request on the next Township Board agenda.

Pedestrian Access Dodge

Mr. Michell – I have another topic for Other Matters.

Chairperson Petsch – Your topics come with Public Comments. We have Other Matters.

Mr. Berkheiser – For future reference, your chance to make comments about things, if you're not on the agenda, is in Public Comments. You get two minutes to speak to your issues. If you think it's something important enough, then I suggest getting a hold of Emily to get on the agenda, and then you'll have whatever time you think you need. Is it something major that you need to take care of?

Mr. Michell – I don't know if I need to take care of it. It's about pedestrian access to Dodge Park.

Mr. Berkheiser – Okay, then I would suggest you contact Emily. If it is extensive, then either...

Director England – Does it involve a crosswalk?

Mr. Michell – Well, that’s what pedestrians typically use.

Director England – So, that’s not on us. That’s the Road Commission.

Mr. Berkheiser – That’s a county road.

Director England – They won’t allow us to put one in.

Mr. Michell – Well, I have some thoughts on that.

Director England – That would be a conversation with me and Larry Gray. We would be happy to sit down and talk to you about it.

Chairperson Petsch – That’d be great. All the research that you can do, that you can bring forward for them to continue with the information you gather, it really helps out a lot. That’s much appreciated. We’ve discussed the situation on pathways and crosswalks at our parks. It falls under Oakland County’s jurisdiction on where, how and distance.

Director England – We’ve had several meetings and we’ve been denied every time.

Mr. Berkheiser – It’s the County and the Road Commission. We have made requests. They have refused, and they have their reasons.

Mr. Michell – I had a conversation with the previous Supervisor about that.

Citizen of the Year

Chairperson Petsch – I would like to congratulate Ron Krueger on being honored as Wolverine Lake’s Citizen of the Year.

[Applause]

The next Parks and Recreation Meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2022, at 7:00PM immediately following the 6:00pm Park Tour at Maple Glen.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Walker, supported by Krueger, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Barbara Garbutt, Secretary