

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

Monday, January 24, 2011

2009 Township Drive
Commerce Township, Michigan 48390

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Petsch called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm at the Commerce Township Offices

ROLL CALL: Present: William Petsch - Chairperson
Dave Schultz-Vice Chairperson
Peter Pace – Secretary
Michelle Holmes
Dan Munro
Tim Wichert
Dick Zemmin

Also Present: Emily England, Director of Senior Services/Parks and Recreation

COMMUNICATIONS:
None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Zemmin, supported by Wichert, to approve the December 20, 2010, Parks and Recreation Committee Regular Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jerry Fertig
2750 Gumpers Lane
Commerce Township

Mr. Fertig spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns regarding dogs along the paths/trails of Martin Rd. and in the park. Many residents do not leash or pick up after their dogs.

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ITEM 1: WAIVER REQUEST – SANP BOOSTERS – SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2011

Candace Kachin was present to discuss the waiver request and she is aware of applicable fees. SANP Boosters will be holding a euchre party to fundraise for the 2011, all night senior party for Walled Lake Central High School.

MOTION by Wichert, supported by Pace, to approve the waiver request by SANP Boosters for use of the Ralph C. Richardson Senior Center on Saturday March 5, 2011.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 2: WAIVER REQUEST – TOUR DE LAKES – MONDAY MAY 20, 2011

Fred Dore was present to request the waiver request and he is aware of applicable fees. Mr. Dore and the Committee discussed the following:

- Richardson center will be headquarters for event
- Staging in parking lot and inside Richardson Center
- Will be using restroom facilities, offering refreshments and a welcome “center” will be held inside the building
- Have not yet secured sponsorship and pre registration funds are pending

MOTION by Petsch, supported by Holmes, to approve the waiver request by Tour De Lakes, for use of the Ralph C. Richardson Senior Center on Monday May 30, 2011, with the payment of security and cleaning fees due on or before April 1, 2011. If payment is not made by this date waiver will be null and void.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 3: WAIVER REQUEST – COMMERCE LITTLE LEAGUE – MARCH 6, 2011, DRAFT AND MARCH 19, 2011, COACHES MEETING

Jeff Weir and Mike Snyder were present to discuss the waiver request and they are aware of applicable fees.

- March 6, 2011, the center will be used for little league draft
- March 19, 2011, the center will be used for a coaches meeting and league training.
- Mr. Weir has been informed and understands these dates will serve as their 2 uses per year of the facility

MOTION by Holmes, supported by Schultz, to approve waiver requests to allow Commerce Little League to use Ralph C. Richardson Center on March 6, 2011, and March 19, 2011, for purpose of a draft and league training, and these be their two (2) uses for the year.

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ITEM 4: LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPORT

Commerce Little League – Mike Snyder, President

Mr. Snyder was present and discussed the following with the Committee.

- As of today, 535 athletes are registered; 734 spots are available
- T-ball has 100 spots to fill
- Opening day April 23, 2011, tentative
- Obtained league insurance and will submit to township as required
- Attempting to get permanent permit to serve food in hopes they will receive by opening day

Soccer - CW3, John Varcie

James Taylor was present and discussed the following with the Parks and Recreation Committee:

- Currently running indoor soccer
- Registration has increased by 15% this season
- Opened first season at Dodge Park this past fall; great success
- This spring will have a jamboree in Dodge Park; several activities for the children planned for the season
- Over 1,000 kids participating in program

Lakes Athletics - Frank Vigliarolo, President

Mr. Vigliarolo was not present.

Interlakes Girls Softball – Tim Bailey, Vice President

Tim Bailey, Vice President, was present and discussed the following with the Committee:

- Registration was opened on January 12, 2011
- Creating a travel team program
- Opening day is scheduled for April 25, 2011
- 40 teams, 12-13 girls per team
- Organizing summer tournaments

Friends of Byers - Ellen Smith/Sharon

There was not a representative present at tonight's meeting.

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ITEM 5: PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Please see attached report.

ITEM 6: TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Dan Munro reported on and discussed the following with the Committee members:

- What to expect at joint meeting scheduled for January 25, 2011, with the Township Board and Parks and Recreation Committee
- Currently 9 applicants for the vacant Township Trustee position
- CDBG budget items to be approved at next meeting

ITEM 7: MAINTENANCE REPORT

In addition to the attached report, the following was discussed:

- Maintenance at the Ralph C. Richardson Center
- Brushing/tree clean up at Dodge Park

ITEM 8: MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Mr. Pace discussed the following with the Committee Members:

- Discussed new agenda
- Dodge Park V will hold concerts on mobile stage
- Activities for children and families; magicians, soccer, kick ball, face painting, etc.
- Proposed low level fireworks display
- Proposed budget
- Corporate sponsors package
- The Committee is very appreciative of Mr. Pace's dedication to the Township and its residents. It was realized that a lot of hard work has already been put into this project.

ITEM 9: DISC GOLF

The Parks and Recreation Committee was approached by Wolverine Village on creating an area for disc golf. Mr. Petsch will meet/speak with their Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Zemmin and Ms. Holmes expressed interest in the project.

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ITEM 10: PARK SECURITY

The Committee members discussed park security in length. The following are topics of discussion:

- Surveillance in Dodge V Park
 - Past vandalism
- Towers and light poles
- Need information on storage, monthly fees, server housing, etc.
- Recommend installation of lighting and paving to township board?
- Camera location. Put cameras on back of signs for better visibility?
- Research needs to be done, cost benefits? Is it beneficial? Do residents want it? Do other communities have similar?
- Will this still be needed after brushing and improved site visibility?

ITEM 11: LEAGUE CONTRACT

There are a few items that need to be finalized. This will be discussed at the joint meeting with the Township Board on January 25, 2011.

ITEM 12: REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Committee reviewed and discussed the current revenue & expenditure report

The Committee requested a list that could be published, on what the millage has been spent on so far and proposed spending.

ITEM 13: AGENDA REQUEST

- Music under the stars
- Park security
- League contracts
- Hickory Glen RFP

ITEM 14: OTHER MATTERS

The Committee discussed their agenda for the joint meeting scheduled with the Township Board on January 25, 2011.

The Committee members discussed moving the time of the Parks and Recreation meeting to 6:00 p.m. in the winter months they do not have park tours scheduled. This may be discussed again in the fall of 2011.

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ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Holmes, supported by Pace, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Peter Pace, Secretary