

Marquette Township Recreation Committee

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

Marquette Township Community Center

1) Meeting Called to Order @ 5:30 pm

2) Roll Call: Pete LaRue, Dave Wiegand, Todd Carruth, Mike Springer
Absent: Kellie Genschaw (excused)
Staff: Jason McCarthy, Planning and Zoning Administrator

3) Approval of Agenda:

Motion: To approve the agenda

Carruth, Moved

LaRue, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

4) Previous Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2018

Motion: To approve the minutes of February 20, 2018 as amended.

Carruth, Moved

Wiegand, Supported

Carried: Unanimously

5) Privileged Comment: none

6) Public Comment: none

7) Unfinished Business:

a) Lions Recreation Area and Schwemwood Park Projects 2018

McCarthy informed the Committee that Oberstar was the low bidder for the Lion's Field pathway project. They hope to get started on the Lions Recreation Area Pathway in April, contingent on the Board's approval and bid award at tonight's meeting. They will also finish the 2015/2017 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Schwemwood Park parking and landscaping improvements.

b) Funding the US 41 underpass 2017/2019

It was announced today that the U.S. 41 Underpass Project was not awarded the Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant. Together with changes within the MNRTF Grant, this leaves a balance of approximately \$102,000.00 needed to fund this project. The funding goal will need to be reached by October 1st.

c) Recreation Plan Update

Springer provided Chapter One of the MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN | 2014 - 2018 for the review and edit by Committee Members prior to our April meeting.

d) Lions Recreation Area ice rink improvement options, projected costs, and funding mechanisms

Work continues on fact finding with respect to options and costs associated with improving the usability of the Lion's Field Ice Rink. Recommendations should be available by May's meeting.

e) Spring Park Clean Up Saturday, May 26, 10 am - 2 pm

Carruth and Springer are finalizing preparations for the May 26th spring cleanup of Schwemwood and Lion's Field. Springer will reserve the Board Room from 9:45 through 10:30 am on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Volunteers will meet in the Board Room for a brief introduction and safety meeting prior to beginning the cleanup.

8) New Business:

a) Trail/Road Intersection Safety procedures/plans

At their March 14th meeting, the Planning Commission requested that the Recreation and Road Committees consider the need of publishing guidelines concerning road and trail intersection safety.

9) Information Items/Reports:

Board Report

Wiegand reported that the Board is holding a Public Hearing on the expansion of the Downtown Development Authority at tonight's meeting.

Planning Commission Report

Completion of the Master Plan update and Citizen Survey are the main issues for the Commission.

Road Committee Report

The Committee is waiting for clearer roads to complete an inspection and recommendation to the Board for 2018 maintenance needs.

Zoning and Planning Report

McCarthy informed that Solid Waste Management will provide a site plan for the property they purchased from the City along with a reclamation plan.

10) Public Comment: none

11) Committee Member Comment:

LaRue provided a copy of the Catch the Vision Lions Field Ice Rink Boot Hockey Tournament at noon Saturday, March 24

12) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 6:20pm

***Carruth, Moved
LaRue, Supported***

Carried: Unanimously

****Next Scheduled Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:30 PM
Respectfully submitted by Springer and Wiegand***