

JOINT MEETING OF THE
York Township Parks & Recreation Committee and Citizens
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2007

Parks and Recreation Chairperson Frank Stukenborg called the joint meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Committee Members Present:

F. Stukenborg, P. Vioni, P. Staley, F. Schettenhelm, J. Farmer, P. Fairchild, J. Bulmer, K. Fischer, N. Fischer, D. Day

Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee Members

Present:

A. Kay, J. Black, W. Newman, K. Fineberg

Absent:

R. Yahr, CEAC, T. Rotary, CEAC

Others Present:

None

Short Public Comments: *(three minutes or less)*

Approval of Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes:
**Wednesday October 3,
2007**

F Schettenhelm moved to accept, N Fischer 2nd. Motion Passed Unanimously

Approval of CEAC Committee Minutes: October 6, 2007 K

Fineberg moved to accept; W. Newman 2nd, Motion Passed Unanimously

Parks & Rec. Chairperson, F. Stukenborg, welcomed CEAC members.

Announcements/Correspondence

F. Stukenborg-Sheriff's Work Detail scheduled for Nov. 3rd was completed.

N. Fischer-Additional Richardson Park donation pavers have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they are received.

REPORTS (PARKS AND RECREATION):

Board Representative Report: John Bulmer reported that the Brookside Development lawsuit has been withdrawn at this time.

Bob Tetons, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation, agreed to sponsor a first newsletter for Saline River Greenway Association. John will follow-up.

The winter tax bills will be going out in December. Any information that P&RC or CEAC want included should be sent to Sally Donahue as soon as possible.

There will be a public meeting February 20, 2008 to discuss police issues and the township budget. He suggested that both

P&RC and CEAC plan to set up informational displays at the meeting.

2008-2013 Parks & Rec. Master Plan: With the help of Louise Burke, the original P&RC master plan was retrieved from the old computer. John will work on updating the plan for 2008-2013 and bring a draft to committee by Feb or Mar 2008. F. Stukenborg suggested a work meeting between now and 1st of the year to discuss the results of the Parks & Rec. public survey, the openhouse, and board input as part of updating the plan.

Gatekeeper Sandra Richardson Park: - Paul Fairchild reported that the Stevens trash containers had been delivered. He asked about snow removal for this winter. J Bulmer will have the approval request put on the Board agenda. J Bulmer and Paul will take the US flag down after Veterans Day and store it for the winter.

Gatekeeper Mary McCann Park: - Norm Fischer thanked all for the work done in the park during the month. Discussion: a water source for the park (possibly a hand pump) also a restroom facility (i.e. port-a-john, Stevens?). "No Hunting" signs need be posted in the park. F. Stukenborg will follow up.

Various Boy Scout Projects: Frank Stukenborg reported that Mike Anthony has completed his project of building 4 bat houses. He and J. Farmer will get them installed soon. Rob Zimmer - "Woods trail improvement over a wet zone" has not started his project. Frank will halt the project for this year if Rob does not start by 11/17. Bryce McChesney Project- "gravel passageway over the small stream" Frank has not heard from Bryce and must assume he has cancelled his project. Mike Hakal Project - "install fencing and top off the east culvert with gravel" has lost interest in the project. Frank will meet with a new Scout and his parents on Nov. 19 to choose a project for next year. The Scout will complete his paper work and any funding over the winter season.

Proposed Storage Building Specs: F. Stukenborg reviewed the Committee's recommendations with Tom Toth. Several changes were made. Concrete work was excluded, as that would be handled separately with another contractor. Quotes have not been taken. Details of storage building request and specs are attached.

Request for brush/grass cutter: F. Stukenborg reported that a request to purchase would be made to the board at their November meeting.

2008-09 Proposed Budget: F. Stukenborg reported that a budget proposal was submitted to the Supervisor and Clerk after the October meeting. No feed back yet.

2008 Parks Activity Day: P. Staley proposed a revisit of the idea for a Parks Activity Day. Willow Newman, CEAC, presented an outline of the CEAC ideas for a 2008 Earth Day Celebration (copy attached). It was decided to combine a Parks Activity Day and the Earth Day 2008 celebration and request approval from the Board to hold the event on Saturday, April 19, 2008 with Willow Newman and Paul Staley as co-chairpersons.

REPORTS (CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE):

Earth Day Event - 2008: Willow Newman (See 2008 Parks Activity Day report - Parks & Rec. reports)

Pittsfield Township Natural Resources Commission:
- Willow Newman - Greg Croasdill, Chairman, Pittsfield Township Natural Resources Commission has been invited to speak on environmental issues at the CEAC December 4 meeting. Parks and Rec., members were invited to attend.

River Raisin Watershed Management Plan (draft):
Aimee Kay - RRWC Management Plan is available for review. F. Stukenborg asked Aimee to attend the next Saline River Greenway Association (SRGA) meeting on November 19 to review the plan.

Purple Loosestrife removal: - Aimee Kay reported 5 or 6 small spots of purple Loosestrife are known at this time. She suggested that the purple loosestrife in the township be mapped and some training in removal be given before trying to eradicate it. Spring would be an appropriate time to work on this project.

JOINT COMMITTEE ISSUES:

Tree Cuttings in Richardson Park: John Bulmer reminded the Board that the tree cutting has not been resolved. A group of interested parties went out on site to review and consider the effects of the tree cutting. Suggestions for correcting the effects were 1. Berming and separation of property lines. 2, Remediation for trees cut 3. If there is to be any further cutting, a Township Representative and a Parks and Rec. member be on site.

CARES Grant & EEPRA Progress: - John Farmer reported that 3 large brush piles have been constructed at the back of the park, the rail fence has been added and holes have been drilled for the supports for benches in the teaching station. Posts have been purchased along with the rails that will define the outer edge of the teaching station. Jim Hazelman of Fish & Wildlife Dept. will secure funds for the wetland restoration. John Farmer and Mike Anthony will install 2 of the bat houses in Richardson Park and 2 in McCann Park.

Planning Commission Interface: - Paolo Visioni - None

SRGA Newsletter: Frank Stukenborg reported that 150 newsletters would be sent out.

Old Business:

None Discussed

New Business:

John Bulmer thanked CEAC members for joining Parks and Recreation members for tonight's meeting.

Suggestions: Future Agenda items, Members Comments:

The next regular meeting of the Charter Township of York Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the York Township Parks and Recreation Committee will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: *(five minutes or less)*

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 9:20 pm.

Proposed Minutes of Joint Meeting Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Black, Secretary
Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

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