

**Springfield Township  
Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 11, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 11, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairperson Vallad at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present**

Lisa Christensen  
Dot LaLone  
Anne Loncar  
Annette Zemon-Parker  
Jean Vallad  
Darryl Wendt

**Staff Present**

Sarah Richmond  
Jennifer Tucker

**Others Present**

Judy Hensler, Friends of Parks  
Laura Moreau, Friends of Parks

**Commissioners Absent**

Commissioner Baker with notification

**IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL**

Add "Township Board Tentative Agenda for May 13, 2010" as item "E" under Consent.

**Commissioner LaLone moved to accept the agenda as revised. Commissioner LaLone was supported by Commissioner Zemon-Parker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Christensen, LaLone, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes –April 13, 2010 with Additional Disbursements of \$2,795.36 for the Parks & Recreation Fund and \$ 150.00 for Trust & Agency
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for April
- C. Receipt of Financial Summaries
- D. Receipt of Approved Township Board Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2010

## Receipt of Communications

1.

Commissioner LaLone moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner LaLone was supported by Commissioner Zemon-Parker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Christensen, LaLone, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Friends of the Parks/ Millage Update- Laura Moreau

Laura Moreau presented an update for the Friends of the Parks Group.

##### 1. Goals

- a. To promote Springfield Township Parks and Recreation programs and properties through special events and "Friend Raiser" campaigns.
- b. To present a successful ballot proposal for the 2010 election that addresses the need for the funding of Parks and Recreation by the residents of Springfield Township.

##### 2. Recent Activity

- a. Pump Up the Parks a "Friend Raiser" Event
- b. Supported Davisburg Beautification Day
- c. Finalized/Coordinated Millage Language
- d. Appointed Millage Strategy/ Brochure Sub-Committee

#### Pump Up the Parks

- The event brought in a revenue of \$ 892.00 and made a profit of \$ 377.00
- Sold over thirty (30) new annual memberships
- Estimated sixty (60) plus children in attendance
- There were twenty-three (23) surveys completed that evening.

#### Outreach Goals

- Complete brochure that communicates positive, concise critical message
- Attend homeowner association meetings
- Host sundae bar at the Memorial Day Picnic for the Senior Lunch
- Host sundae bar at an upcoming Rotary meeting
- Hold outreach/fundraiser efforts
- Devote time and effort to the website

#### **We Need Your Support**

1. Help us help you by STAYING POSITIVE
  - This is a critical situation but we are dedicated
  - Remember—the residents decide
    - Our taxes already support police, fire and library—Is a vibrant parks and recreation system worth preserving?

- \$100 per year to fire, \$220 per year to police, about \$90 to the library....I support \$75 out of my budget for Parks & Recreation

2. Help us help you by DONATING YOUR TIME

- Distribute flyers
- Talk to your neighbors
- Attend and/or help with an event
- Become a member!

As Park Commissioners the group needs your support in all of these efforts. Please help the Friends of the Parks Group help you. The group recognizes that this is an important and critical situation but they are dedicated and will give it the best that they can. The group also hears from people that are questioning how the Township is doing overall, what about Police and Fire and what about the general fund. The group recognizes that they do not want to put out a message saying "Save the Parks". The truth is the Township, compared to some other communities, is managing financially and that comes from years and years of the previous administration being careful and conservative. Right now dedicated millages are supporting Police, Fire and the Library and right now those funds are in decent shape. However, the Police fund will have to be addressed soon and if the Township General Fund has to make that decision between giving a large portion of money to the Parks and Recreation Department or shoring up the police protection, then it is safe to say where the money would go.

Friends of the Parks believes that having a dedicated source of funding just like Police, Fire and Library, will ensure that the Township Board is not faced with making that decision because right now they have that discretion on how funds are spent.

Mrs. Moreau stated that by bringing this question before the taxpayers, we are doing them a favor. What is the value? It is their choice. If their home is valued at \$ 200,000.00 with a taxable value of \$ 100,000.00, they are paying a year \$ 100.00 to Fire, \$ 220.00 to Police and \$ 90.00 to the Library. A .7500 millage proposal for Parks and Recreation would ask is it worth it to the residents to add another \$ 75.00 to their taxes that will go directly to Parks and Recreation Department.

The Friends of the Parks Group is trying to stay positive about the matter. Also a reminder to everyone that there has never been a dedicated source of funding for the Parks and Recreation Department and now is the time to do that.

The Group would also like to ask that the Park Commission consider donating their time to the group. It has been wonderful to have some Park Commissioners come out to the events to help get the word out. In the coming months more help will be needed.

Mrs. Moreau also provided the final resolution that was reviewed by the Township Attorney that will be going to the Township Board meeting on May 13, 2010 and then it will go to Oakland County by May 25, 2010 for inclusion on the August primary ballot.

## **B. Approval of Bid Proposal for Resealing the Mill Pond Park Parking Lot**

Director Tucker stated that there were only two bid proposals that were received from the Request for Bid Proposals that were sent out.

Spartan Seal coating bid proposal was for \$ 1,900.00. Director Tucker stated that she had clarified the per linear foot crack repair and it is \$.50 per linear foot. Spartan Seal coating is also a company located in Springfield Township.

The second bidder, Hart Pavement Striping Corporation, is the company that had seal coated the Civic Center parking lot. Their price was approximately \$ 3,075.00.

Director Tucker stated that she would recommend awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

**Commissioner LaLone moved to award the seal coating bid to Spartan Seal coating at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,900.00 to be started as soon as possible. Commissioner LaLone was supported by Commissioner Christensen. Vote on the motion: Yes: Christensen, LaLone, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

Further Comment:

Director Tucker stated that she had checked Spartan Seal Coating's references and they were very good.

Commissioner LaLone stated that she also had checked their references and they were indeed good.

### **C. 2011 Park Fund Preparation**

Director Tucker stated, that as her memo highlighted, the 2011 budget process was going to begin within the next few weeks and the budget would be very similar to 2010 until the Department learns differently.

Director Tucker stated that the first draft of the 2011 Parks and Recreation Fund budget would be presented at the June meeting.

## **X. TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **A. Bills List**

**Commissioner Christensen moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Parks and Recreation at \$ 25,538.79 and Trust and Agency at \$ 150.00. Commissioner Christensen was supported by Commissioner Loncar. Vote on the motion: Yes: Christensen, LaLone, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

## **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Policies and Procedure Committee**

None

### **B. Shiawassee Basin Preserve Rental Properties Committee**

**Chairperson Vallad moved to remove the “Shiawassee Basin Preserve Rental Properties” Committee from the agenda. Chairperson Vallad was supported by Commissioner Zemon-Parker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Christensen, LaLone, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

### **C. Non-Profit Community Group Committee**

None

## **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Tucker stated that on Thursday, May 13, 2010 she would be doing a presentation for the Township Board on the 2010 Natural Resource Management Projects.

## **XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

Commissioner Christensen stated that on May 26<sup>th</sup> there would be a tree dedication in honor of her mom at the school that she worked at. In addition, they are donating rocking chairs and books using the money that the Commission had donated. She wanted to thank everyone again.

Commissioner Loncar thanked Director Tucker for giving her a tour of the park properties. She also wanted to again express how well organized the Davisburg Beautification Day was. In addition, Commissioner Loncar informed the Park Commission that she had filed for re-election.

Commissioner LaLone stated that on June 6<sup>th</sup> the Headwaters Trails Committee would be hosting the Pleasure Race in Holly on the Shiawassee River.

Commissioner Wendt stated that until the rental house is rented he would like to be kept apprised as to what was happening.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Wendt moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation at 7:41 pm. Commissioner Wendt was supported by Commissioner Zemon-Parker. Vote on the motion: Yes: Christensen, LaLone, Loncar, Zemon-Parker, Vallad and Wendt; No: None; Absent: Baker. The motion carried by a 6-0 vote.**

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Jennifer Tucker, Director of Parks & Recreation

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Jean Vallad, Chairperson of Park Commission