

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

October 4, 2016

Call Meeting to Order: Handy called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30pm at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City MI 49684.

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Valarie Handy, Fern Spence, Chris Remy, Alisa Kroupa, Dale Majerczyk

Absent:

Staff Present: Brian VanDenBrand, Tom Vitale (GTCD)

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest was noted. *Kroupa moved THAT the agenda be approved as amended. Remy seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

2. Business to Come Before the Commission

a. Discussion of Silver Lake Recreation Area Park Plan

Commissioners discussed potential updates to the Garfield Township 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. It was determined to schedule a work session meeting for October 26 and to schedule a public hearing on potential updates for a meeting on November 1, 2016.

b. Grand Traverse Commons Trails - Review SWOT Analysis

The Commission reviewed the SWOT analysis prepared by Brad Gerlach and TART Trails. No action was taken regarding the SWOT. Further discussion regarding a pedestrian connection at 1430 Wayne Street near Hickory Meadows. *Kroupa moved and Remy seconded that the Garfield Township Park Commission support efforts to permanently protect public access across the subject property. Motion carried, with Spence abstaining.*

c. Recommendation of Contractor for TF-15-0141 - BVNP Improvements

Discussion. *Kroupa moved and Majerczyk seconded to recommend to the Township Board that the Prein & Newhof bid be selected. Motion carried unanimously.*

d. Miller Creek Nature Preserve construction projects

The Commission reviewed bids to construct a boardwalk within the Miller Creek Nature Preserve. *Vitale* was asked to ensure that the quotes were comparable. No action was taken.

e. Beacon Hills Park - potential inclusion in park ordinance

Discussion was held regarding a community park on Silver Lake within the Beacon Hills subdivision.

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- *Mike Steadman*
- *Doug Brown*

Discussion. *Handy moved and Spence seconded to ask Staff to research a potential park ordinance amendment to incorporate this area into the Township's regulated parkland. Motion carried.*

f. Review draft 2017 Park Fund Budget

Discussion. Kroupa stated that she needed to excuse herself from the meeting and left the meeting room. *Majerczyk moved and Remy seconded to recommend to the Township Board that draft 2017 Park Fund Budget be adopted. Motion carried unanimously, with Kroupa absent.*

g. Ongoing project updates

Discussion.

3. Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Commission:

- *Molly Agostinelli*
- *Mary Dunn McDonald*
- *Paul Wiley*
- *Lisa McManus*
- *Larry Sparks*
- *Bridget Popp*
- *Mike Wojtkowiak*

4. Commissioner Comment

None.

5. Other Business

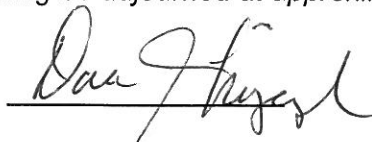
None.

6. Items for next agenda - October 26, 2016 Study Session

a. Continued discussion of Park Master Plan

7. Adjourn

Handy moved THAT the meeting be adjourned at approximately 6:30PM.



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