



**Northville Parks & Recreation Commission  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road  
Time: 6:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Nix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Robert Nix  
James Allen  
Nancy Darga  
Marjorie Banner  
Mindy Herrmann  
Adam Phelps

Staff: Jason Spiller, Suzie Johnson

Guests: Joe Hige, Mark Abbo, Steve McGuirk, Christine Lyon, W. McKee, Larry Poupard,  
Melinda Cain, Subbaya Kokkalera,

3. **Citizen Comments:** None

4. **Adoption of Agenda and Consent Agenda:** Darga motioned, Banner supported to adopt the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Presentations:**

**A) Detroit based Crowd Funding – Patronicity for Ford Field Restrooms Project:** Main Street Women’s League approached Director Spiller to develop a plan through the Michigan Economic and Development Corporation. Will be applying for matching grants. Funds to be used to create restrooms at Ford Field. Estimated costs begin at \$80,000. Director Spiller will keep Commission apprised of progress.

6. **Department Report:**

**A) Recreation/Senior Report:** Director Spiller reviewed. Noted that the Dog Park participation as increased. Parks & Rec is now offering youth yoga and Tai Chi classes. Senior Services annual “Opening Day with the Tigers” was a success and tickets to the Senior Fest on June 3<sup>rd</sup> are selling quickly. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the dedication ceremony at the Community Center for Lisa Christiansen. Friday Night concert series will begin on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**B) Spring/Summer Registration week-5 year comparison:** Director Spiller reviewed and noted a steady increase in registration due to new and innovative programs by Parks and Recreation as well as Senior Services.

**7. Old Business:**

**A) NSA 2015 Contract:**

Nix: as in the past, the NSA contract was not delivered by the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The deadline had been extended to February 15<sup>th</sup>, and again to March 15<sup>th</sup> in order for NSA to comply with the terms required by NPR. For the record, Nix outlined the dates, requests and the results of the many attempts to obtain this information so that the contract would be signed and completed. In an attempt to finalize the 2015 contract, Nix requested the following information: players' names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses, and, Director Spiller added, birthdates are required as well. McGuirk stated that he attempted to meet with Director Spiller in December. However, both had scheduling conflicts. And that he was out of town for the month of January. Nix inquired as to the reason that NSA has not supplied NPR with the player information required in order to finalize the contract. McGuirk stated that while he has provided NPR with the player's last names and the city they reside in, he doesn't understand why NPR needs more information. Nix stated that the information was required in order to finalize the contract. McGuirk replied that the full names of players are confidential, as the players are minors and their identities must be protected. And as he "has not been given permission nor asked the permission by the parents to give out that information", he is unable to do so. Nix reiterated that this information is required.

Lyon stated that she has provided the complete information to NPR in 2013. Recalled the discussion regarding email address requested by NPR in 2013. That NPR stated that the need for email address was to prove residency. While NSA has the parents' emails in their system, they are never extracted. If NPR now wants the emails in order to market programs, state that to the parents. If NPR wants the email address for emergency information, all of NSA's coaches are fully certified and NPR won't need to take any responsibility if a player is hurt. Lyon stated that she just met with the coaches last week and NSA registration isn't complete.

Banner: NSA is consistently late in meeting contract deadline. If they are aware that they are again going to miss a deadline, why can't NSA provide a signed contract with an addendum that the player information will be provided when all registration is completed?

When asked by Nix if the information will be provided to NPR by April 3rd, McGuirk stated that he'll consult his lawyer.

Phelps: per an email sent from McGuirk to NSA parents stated that NPR was increasing fees by \$100,000. McGuirk stated that it is a true statement. Nix pointed out that the fee increase was 5 years ago.

Joe Hige gave a brief summary of how NPR determined the subsidiary received by the NSA program beginning in 2010-2012.

Mark Abbo gave a brief summary of how NPR determined the subsidiary received by the NSA program prior to 2010.

Nix: emails will not be required to finalize the 2015 contract. Will look into privacy issues regarding access to player's emails.

Allen, Banner: Stated that the 2016 contract needs to be completed by the deadline.

Phelps: Recommends that Director Spiller do a study of bringing a soccer program in-house.

Darga: Would like to continue to work with NSA, but if a contract can't be secured, then have an option for an in-house soccer program. Do what is in the best interests for residents.

Herrmann: Would like to see contract with NSA work out. Stated that there was no need for Director Spiller to do a study as Phelps recommended, until there is a point that a contract cannot be developed.

**7. Old Business:**  
**NSA 2015 Contract, cont'd:**

Phelps: has been contacted by several NSA parents, who requested that NPR create an in-house soccer league. He would like to have Director Spiller do study just to see what options are available in the future.

Darga: Would like to keep NSA the way it is, but would like to have other options.

Nix: For contract, the minimum information required is the registered player's address, last name, first name, address and phone number.

Darga: NSA does need to check on legality of what they are able to release.

Lyon and McGuirk state that the information will be delivered to NPR by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Banner motioned that if all the appropriate information is obtained by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, a signed contract will be accepted. Allen supports, motion passed unanimously.

**8. New Business:**

**A) Wayne County's Commitment:** Terry Marecki, District 9 Commissioner of Wayne County has allocated \$194,000 to go to the completion of Maybury Pathway and the rest to Fish Hatchery's erosion issue.

**B) Maybury Path Connections Update:** funds now available from Wayne County to finish pathway.

**C) 2015 MRPA Community Services Award Winner – NBSA:** NPR nominated NBSA for the MRPA Community Services award. Award will be presented on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**D) 2015-16 Budget:** Reviewed. Banner motioned to approve budget as presented, Darga supported, motion passed unanimously.

**9. Any other item that may be properly brought before the Commission:**

**10. Adjournment:** Darga motioned, Allen supported to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josie Conder