



Northville Parks & Recreation Commission
Wednesday, May 27, 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 (excused)
Nancy Darga
Marjorie Banner
Mindy Herrmann
Adam Phelps (excused)

Staff: Jason Spiller, Josie Conder, Suzie Johnson, Chip Snider
Guest: Phillip Spencer, 401 High St, Northville

3. Citizen Comments: Shannon Price, Plymouth Township Supervisor, proposed to combine services between Plymouth Township and Northville Parks & Recreation.

Mr. Spencer: would like to have shade trees planted at Ford Field, pool lockers at Pool at RCH in poor condition and requested Director Spiller's assistance in getting a larger BBQ grill at Allen Terrace.

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) Fish Hatchery Park – Christopher Naida with SME: Naida, a Project Geotechnical Engineer with SME outlined several options for rebuilding the retaining wall for Fish Hatchery pond. Discussion included:

Herrmann: What if pond was totally eliminated?

Darga: Plant thorny plants on top of walkway are to discourage trespassers.

Darga: what are plans for aeration?

Darga: ideas for marketing to public for funding support.

Subcommittee was formed, including Banner and Darga. Herrmann motioned to approve spending up to \$8,500 on SME for geotechnical services and wall design. Banner supported, passed unanimously. Banner motioned to approve up to \$20,000 for OHM engineering services for Fish Hatchery with additional breakdown on pricing for Task II. Herrmann supported, motion passed unanimously.

6. Department Report:

A) Spring 2015: Director Spiller reviewed and noted the increase in membership of the Dog Parks, youth basketball and online registration. Also, the annual Senior Fest is on June 3rd.

7. Old Business:

A) Soccer Program: Director Spiller outlined the MSYSA and WSSL rules and what is entailed in setting up a Parks and Recreation league. A Parks and Rec league is a viable option if future contracts with NSA are not successful. The Commission agreed to keep this information on file in case there is a future need.

8. New Business:

A) Maybury Connection Update: Discussed letter received by Director Spiller from DNR stating an Increase cost for the Regional Trail Connection. The new total is \$103,904.30. Darga motioned to approve additional costs, Banner supported. Motion passed unanimously.

B) Maybury Connection Signage Proposal – Living Lab: The portion to be paid by Parks and Rec is \$1,457.14. Darga motioned to approve, Banner supported, motion passed unanimously.

C) MMRMA Playground/Park Recommendations: Recommendations were reviewed, Darga motioned to accept recommendations as is, Banner supported. Motion passed unanimously.

D) Future reallocation of fund 265-775-950.050 to Parks & Recreation: Reviewed. Banner motioned to approve, Herrmann supported. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Any other item that may be properly brought before the Commission: Chairman Nix noted that the amendments to the lease proposed by Northville Public Schools were submitted. Awaiting response from NPS.

10. Adjournment: Banner motioned, Herrmann supported to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Conder