

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

Supervisor Zurawski called the Special Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the York Township Hall, 11560 Stony Creek Rd., Milan for the purpose of meeting with the Charter Township of York Parks & Recreation Committee regarding the next five years, 2009-2013, Parks & Recreation goals; developing an overall parks maintenance plan; plans for future parkland acquisitions.

Roll Call of Board Members Present: Helen Neill, Joe Zurawski, Jane Kartje, Wayne Meier, Mike Kipley, John Bulmer. Members Absent: Sally Donahue

Others Present: Parks Committee Members Frank Stukenborg, Fred Schettenhelm, Kathy Fischer, Norm Fischer, John Farmer, John Bulmer, Paul Fairchild. Members Absent: Paolo Visioni, Paul Staley; two people in audience.

Short Public Comments: (*three minutes or less*) None.

MOVED BY KARTJE to approve the agenda for the September 9, 2008 Special meeting of the Charter Township of York Board of Trustees. SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: none. VOICE VOTE: AYE: 7; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 0

2009-2013 Master Plan objectives

Parks Committee Board representative Trustee John Bulmer began with an overview of the goals from the current Parks Master Plan, 2003-2008 and described the many goals that were accomplished under the plan. The improvements made to both parks have been very beneficial and the residents of York Township have commented in a very positive manner. Trustee Bulmer reviewed the 2009-2013 objectives:

Sandra Richardson Park: Preserve natural features & wildlife; walking trail improvements; park aesthetics: improvements & view barriers; park security & maintenance concerns; public relations; recreational development.

Mary J. McCann Park: Environmental/Educational Passive Recreation Area; maintenance & general improvements.

Moon Rd. Unnamed Park: lay out a development plan and incorporate as funding allows, defer to 2009 and beyond.

The Master Plan is used as a guideline and the Committee knows that all the improvements cannot be accomplished due to financial limitations. Parks Committee Chairman Frank Stukenborg added that, in working on the current plan and the updates to it for 2009-2013, the Committee is requiring schools and neighboring municipalities' input so that their improvements aren't duplicated in our Parks and to have a variety of amenities area-wide. He added that the Parks Committee is well aware of financial limitations for adding improvements. One way to assist with the financial aspect is to set up a 501(c) (3) for donations to help pay for improvements or maintenance.

MOVED BY NEILL to direct the Charter Township of York Parks & Recreation Committee to move forward with and complete the 2009-2013 Master Plan, with changes as discussed at this meeting.

SECONDED BY MEIER. Discussion: none further.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 6; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1

Parks Maintenance Plan

Parks Chairman Stukenborg described how the proposed plan would work. This is strictly for maintenance work only and doesn't apply to the giving of volunteer time, overseeing Scout projects, etc. Reporting forms would be completed and turned in on a monthly basis.

MOVED BY NEILL to approve the Recommended Procedure for Undertaking Compensatory Maintenance Work Projects in York Charter Township Parks, as presented and amended; replacing 30 hours per month with 20 hours per month; effective April 1, 2009 and that a Board sub-committee would be formed to work with the Parks Committee; plan is on file.

SECONDED BY KARTJE. Discussion: as described in the plan, this is a trial run for 2009 and 2010 to be evaluated at the end of that time period; Clerk asked that the Committee be cognizant of the 1099 form limitations regarding how much members should be paid in a calendar year.

VOICE VOTE: AYE: 6; NAY: 0; ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1

Parkland Acquisition

Since the special meeting one-hour allotment had expired, this subject will be discussed further at a later date. As submitted by the Committee, the objectives are: continue to seek seed money for new park reserve fund; encourage land donations as well as conservation and/or recreation easements; seek & evaluate potential future park sites, especially in the southern area of the Township, currently underserved; acquire land with Saline River access.

Public Comments: *(five minutes or less)*  
None.

Adjourn  
Supervisor Zurawski adjourned the Special meeting at 7:34p.m.

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Helen Neill, Clerk

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Joseph Zurawski, Supervisor

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Newspapers of record: *The Milan News-Leader* and *The Saline Reporter*