

**York Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**November 30, 2009**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**York Township Hall**

**Meeting called to order** by chair F. Stukenborg at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Paul Fairchild, Kathy Fischer, Norm Fischer, Jill Hargrove, Don Hasselbach, Fred Schettenhelm, Paul Staley, and Frank Stukenborg. **Absent:** John Farmer

**Minutes from the October 26, 2009** meeting were reviewed. Motion F. Schettenhelm, support J. Hargrove to approve. Carried 8-0.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Announcements and Communications:**

1. F. Stukenborg collected volunteer time sheets. Effective with the new year, we will discriminate between park development and maintenance. N. Fischer will revise the reporting form.
2. F. Stukenborg indicated that SEMCOG is in receipt of our master plan.
3. F. Stukenborg read part of an article describing effects of a lack of unsupervised play time for children from Time magazine.

**Standing Reports:**

J. Hargrove reported on a presentation by Washtenaw Parks and Recreation regarding the Draper/Houston preserve. The preserve will be a passive recreation area with no amenities, total 80 acres, and contain the largest concentration of Paw Paw trees in Washtenaw County. The adjoining property is being evaluated for possible addition to the preserve.

The board is still working on the 2010-11 budget.

A tree from Richardson park has fallen on the Milan Co. property as per letter to township. No action recommended.

Need for a burn ordinance and opposition thereto expressed at the board meeting.

P. Fairchild reported that he has trimmed weeds along the Platt Rd. split rail fence. The trash container has been removed for the season. The auto barrier on the east side of the parking lot needs repair. A tree limb was removed from the trail.

N. Fischer reported that everything is OK at McCann park. Cars parked in the lot at night have been reported to the deputy.

F. Stukenborg reported for J. Farmer that scout Stuver is still working on his nut grove project, more muskrat barrier has been installed around the pond and trails have been cleared of small stumps and roots and holes have been filled.

K. Fischer reported a balance of \$6704.58 for this fiscal year. She met with clerk H. Neill to insure expenditures were being charged to the correct line item. Still waiting for SASA to remit their portion of the porta jon fee.

### **Special Reports:**

F. Stukenborg indicated that scout Stuver is the only scout still working on his project.

F. Stukenborg reported that Burce Boice has dumped about 12 truckloads of dirt south of the Willis parking lot.

K. Fischer reported that our master plan has been forwarded to the DNR. She reported that the DNR grants specialist indicated that a building dedicated to parks maintenance is an appropriate grant request and that said building would be better received if it were sized for current needs rather than projected needs. F. Stukenborg is pursuing a cement estimate from Gotts and N. Fischer is pursuing an electrical estimate from Towler Electric.

N. Fischer and P. Fairchild reported on the completion of brush cutting and repair of the Richardson Park south fence. They discovered that the neighbor had secured the downed fence with re-rod driven into the ground. They also discovered a deer feedlot and hunting platform immediately to the south of the downed fence. Information was passed on to the deputy who was to alert the DNR.

The terms of J. Farmer, N. Fischer and F. Schettenhelm expire on Jan. 31, 2010. All agreed to serve another term.

### **Old Business:**

Scout Jacob Farrah would like to begin his eagle project this spring, a small shelter with bench located at the east end of the Aspen loop.

### **New Business:**

Motion P. Fairchild, support D. Hasselbach to approve November equipment use. Carried 8-0.  
No equipment use proposed for December.

Motion N. Fischer, support F. Schettenhelm to purchase a Stihl MS250 18" chain saw, with case, extra chain, bar oil, and mix oil not to exceed \$400.00. Carried 8-0.

Status of the 2009 goals are to be presented to the board. The committee accomplished all of our major goals as well as a number of other projects, many related to EEPRA, that were not on the original list.

Volunteer hours for the year will be presented to the board at the January meeting.

A number of scouts from several troops may be looking for Eagle projects within the next year. Committee members are encouraged to send ideas for potential projects to F. Stukenborg. An ideal project would include opportunity for project design and fund raising. Contracts between the scouts and their overseer on the committee are encouraged.

December 16 was proposed as an alternative to the scheduled Dec. 23 meeting date.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norm Fischer

**NOTE: NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY DEC. 21, 2009, 7:30, TOWNSHIP HALL**