

York Township Parks and Recreation Committee
January 27, 2010
7:30 p.m.
York Township Hall

Meeting called to order by chair F. Stukenborg at 7:35 p.m.

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

Minutes of the December 21, 2009 meeting were reviewed. **Motion** P. Staley, support J. Farmer to approve. Carried 8-0

Citizen Comments: None

Announcements and Communications:

Volunteer hours were presented.

F. Stukenborg reported that several property owners in the vicinity of the Draper/Houston preserve are considering nominating their properties to the Washtenaw County Natural Preservation program

Standing Reports:

J. Hargrove reported that the Board worked mostly on the budget and the policies and procedures manual. SASA was informed of our proposed prairie burn date at Richardson Park and will avoid scheduling games.

P. Fairchild reported that everything was status quo at Richardson.

N. Fischer reported status quo at McCann.

J. Farmer reported on the EEPRA dedication planning meeting attended by 3 members from P & R. and 3 members from the Environmental Committee. The dedication will be held on May 1, 2010 for about an hour and be by invitation. People to be invited include all those who contributed, organizations and individuals, school district representatives from Milan and Saline, neighbors and press. Anticipated costs include invitations, postage, refreshments, portable sound system, straw bales for extra seating, name tags, & poster making supplies. Next meeting is scheduled for 3/1/10.

Motion K. Fischer, support P. Fairchild to commit up to \$600 to fund this event.
Carried 8-0

To encourage usage by school groups, in service will be conducted with appropriate staff. CARES is still holding \$4000 that was left over after grant elements were completed and could still be used within grant objectives.

K. Fischer reported a remaining balance of \$6352.77 and recommended the return of \$2400 to the Toyota fund for future use leaving us a balance of about \$3500 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 fiscal years.

Motion F. Stukenborg, support P. Fairchild to spend up to \$2000 for posts to secure the Willis Road parking lot, gravel to solidify the parking lot and a gate for the pump house driveway. Carried 8-0.

Special Reports:

K. Fischer reported that new information from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund office indicates that grant approval chances are very slim for a maintenance building alone. She suggested that we consider modifying the grant to include playground equipment and enhancing the wildlife corridor along the seasonal watercourse at Richardson Park. Numerous options were considered with more work necessary to solidify final choices. Public meeting date was set for Feb. 24, 2010 at 7 p.m.

Motion J. Farmer, support D. Hasselbach to support a grant request for \$48,000. Carried 8-0

Remaining agenda items were tabled until the next regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Fischer