

**York Township Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**December 22, 2010**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**York Township Hall**

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

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

**Minutes of the November 27, 2010** meeting were reviewed. Motion F. Schettenhelm, support P. Fairchild to approve. Carried 6-0

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Announcements and Communications:** Volunteer hours were collected. F. Stukenborg distributed an editorial regarding the use of endowment funds to maintain parks. F. Stukenborg reported that the SRGA has received permission to begin removing log jams this winter on the Saline River between City of Milan and the Houston-Draper Preserve.

**Standing Reports:**

J. Hargrove reported that the Board will discuss park budgets at the January, 2011 meeting. She also reported that the York Crossings lawsuit was concluded allowing for the installation of a farm fence on York Crossing property with entry to park property forbidden unless specifically allowed. Township is not required to maintain up to the fence line. Snow removal will occur at Richardson Platt entrance for bus turn-around as well as path around parking lot after each 2" snowfall.

P. Fairchild reported the placement of a porta-potti at Richardson Park. No further information was available. The power hedge clippers are now in the township hall closet with kudos to P. Fairchild for his outstanding work on the box. The chain saw and weed whip will also be moved to the township hall for the winter.

N. Fischer noted no changes at McCann.

J. Farmer was absent.

K. Fischer reported no new information since the last meeting.

**Special Reports:**

F. Stukenborg reported completing the parks equipment inventory. He also reported that all power equipment is engraved and marked to assist in identification.

The 2011-12 park budgets will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

F. Stukenborg reported that the township purchased the study materials to prepare him to be a certified herbicide applicator. He will, as a private citizen, request further township support at the January meeting.

The total volunteer hours for 2010 along with goals accomplished will be forwarded to the next Board meeting.

F. Stukenborg reported that he and J. Farmer attended the Eagle Court of Honor for David Stuver.

**Old Business:**

N. Fischer will continue to collect information on surveillance cameras.  
Committee will not pursue the DTE tree grant at this time.  
Mowing estimates were not sought due to township financial constraints.  
No new information on the Milan graffiti individuals.  
The Connecting Communities Grant opportunity is still on hold.  
Still no word on the granting of MNRTF grants for 2011.

**New Business:**

Motion F. Stukenborg, support N. Fischer, to purchase, for no more that \$25, a plaque commemorating the Eagle project work of David Stuver. Money is to come from the Renberg fund. Carried 6-0

Motion F. Schettenhelm, support P. Fairchild to recommend discontinuance of membership in the MRPA for 2011. Carried 6-0.

Open position on the Parks Committee will be posted at the township hall.

Funding of park operations using endowment funds was discussed and will continue to be explored. It was suggested that SEMCOG and Michigan Township Assn. be contacted for in use models, if any.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Fischer