

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 15, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison; Michael Tallman, and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marilyn Waite, Allan Hooper

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Bauman, Region 2 Planning

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:03 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

A motion was made by N. Stopyak, supported by K. Rudolph, Chairman, to approve the September 17, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

Update Falling Waters Advisory Committee

R. Wilson updated the committee reporting that the Falling Waters Trail is developing on schedule with signs to be completed and installed by the November 15, 2007 deadline. The trail will have three (3) trail heads which will be located in Summit Township, Lime Lake, and Concord. With the Concord trail head still in the development phase. Enforcement of hunting laws and ordinances is a concern, as hunters are not permitted to discharge their weapon over the trail's right of way of one hundred feet. Multiple enforcement agencies have already been patrolling the trail.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, reported two incidents where biker(s) have entered Weatherwax Dr. from the trail in front of car(s) without stopping or looking for oncoming traffic. He suggested a serpentine entrance and fence for the trail entrances to provide the trail users additional safety such as the trail in Bay City.

R. Wilson asked to see a picture of the serpentine fence.

Summit Township Recreation Plan Proposal from Region 2 Planning Commission

Region 2 Principal Planner, Grant Bauman, announced the 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan will be available for review by the general public during the following one-month public comment period of October 17th through November 18th 2007. A public notice will be placed in the Jackson Citizen Patriot and a copy of the plan will be available at the Summit Offices, District Library and on the Township and Region 2 Planning Commission web sites. A public hearing by the Recreation Planning Committee will be held on Monday, November 19th 2007

The 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan is comprised of the following information:

Chapter One – Community Description

Details on the health of Summit Township residences
(2/3 of the surveyed had not exercised in a month)

Chapter Two – Administrative Structure

Sources of funding: being grants, governmental and foundations

Chapter Three – Recreation and Resource Inventories

Lists recreation resources found in Summit Township

Chapter Four – Public Input Process

Current summary results reinforced results from previous surveys.
Other planning efforts – Trail Way study, 2005-2009 countywide recreation plan

Chapter Five – Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: Continue to develop and augment the proposed county-wide trail system as it transverses Summit Township. (Reference to Map on page 5-1)

Goal #2: Collaborate with and facilitate the efforts of other providers to develop trails and other new recreation facilities which will be available to Township residents such as, but not limited to:

- Playgrounds
- Natural areas
- Picnic areas

Chapter Six – Action Program

Four distinct projects:

- Vandercook Lake County Park Trail
- Spring Arbor Trail Connector to the Falling Water Trail
- Horton Road Connector to the Falling Water Trail
- Kibby Road Connectors to the Falling Water Trail

A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by N. Stopyak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary