

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 18, 2004

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Marilyn Waite, Natalie Stopyak, Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison; John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: James Dunn, Planning Commission Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday October 18, 2004 at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by M. Waite, to approve as written the August 16, 2004 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Rudolph, Chairman suggested setting meeting dates for 2005. After some discussion it was the consensus of the members present to have regularly scheduled meetings ever other month on the third (3) Monday starting in January of 2005.

There was discussion on how to present a proposed budget request for the fiscal year starting April 1, 2005 to the Township for consideration that would include maintenance of existing facilities (bike paths/trails), engineering costs for new projects, construction of proposed projects and beautification of existing bike paths and trails.

J. Worden, Zoning Administrator, suggested a joint meeting with the Planning Commission at the December 21, 2004 meeting of the Planning Commission, if possible. J. Worden will contact R. McQuillan, Chairman of the Planning Commission, to confirm the date.

Engineering quotes from Ripstra & Scheppelman, Inc. were presented for the proposed non-motorized paths connecting Weatherwax Dr. at Horton Rd. to the entrance of Ella Sharp Park off Horton Rd., not to exceed \$15,800.00 for the 3,700 feet of pathway, and the proposed path that would connect the proposed inter city path with the proposed Fowler Farm development in the City of Jackson, not to exceed \$5,600.00 for the 1,300 feet of pathway.

M. Waite asked why there was only one quote for engineering. J. Worden replied stating that the Township had used Ripstra & Scheppelman for at least the last ten (10) years and felt that they were the most familiar with the area and the requirements of the Jackson County Road Commission for constructing non-motorized paths.

J. Worden explained that the Horton Rd. path would require the inclusion of a storm sewer system to prevent having to obtain additional easements and the cutting of many trees. The County Highway Engineer was contacted to see if this type of project would qualify for funding under one or more programs available through the Jackson County Road Commission. His opinion was that the project should qualify for funding and he would research the possibilities and contact the Township.

A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by M. Waite to recommend to the Township Board approval of the engineering quote from Ripstra & Scheppelman, Inc. for the Horton Rd. path, not to exceed \$15,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, stated he has found a student at Vandercook High School who is willing to serve on the Committee. Raymond Lowe is a junior at Vandercook High and lives in the Vandercook area.

A motion was made by K. Rudolph, supported R. Wilson, to recommend to the Township Supervisor the appointment of Raymond Lowe to the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business: Chairman Rudloph requested that members of the Recreation Planning Committee give consideration to the following areas of interest and present their ideas, thoughts and concerns at the next meeting: 1) direction the committee should take, 2) additional planning, 3) public involvement, 4) maintenance of current paths/trails, 5) partnering with other units of government for projects and maintenance, 6) grants and private funding sources, 7) beautification of trails, 8) pocket parks/trail heads, 9) lighting of trails, 10) parking access.

Discussion of the Magnolia Park (Norfolk Development) and Fowler Farms (City of Jackson) projects as it relates to paths/trails and other recreational areas within these projects.

J. Worden suggested that public involvement could be accomplished with an informational and public comments meeting in the spring of 2005 held during a regularly scheduled meeting.

MEETING CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Stopyak, Secretary