

Recreation Planning Committee

November 16, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Michael Way, Township Board Liaison; Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Jim Guerriero, Aaron Bush, Martha Willard and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

It was with great sadness to learn of the death of colleague and friend, Recreation Planning Committee Member Charles Neese who passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Charles Neese was a valued member of Summit Township and he will be missed.

The meeting began with a moment of silence and reflection.

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by J. Guerriero, supported by M. Way, to approve the Monday, February 16, 2015 minutes and the Monday, March 16, 2015 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

HORTON ROAD TRAIL UPDATE – REGION 2 COMMENTS ON APPLICATION FOR TRAIL GRANT

After working with Grant Bauman, Region 2, the township gained an additional thirty (30) points, raising the final score for the Trail Grant to three hundred eighty (380). The Township, County of Jackson and City of Jackson submitted grant applications on an individual basis in order to obtain a higher awarded amount as suggested by Grant Bauman.

There were one hundred seventeen (117) Grant applications submitted. Summit Township ranked 15th, Jackson County ranked 16th and the City of Jackson ranked 21st. The announcement for funds will be made in late December. The official awarded fund amount will be announced in January and construction can begin in April 2016.

2015 NEEDED MAINTENCE REPORT

Assistance will be needed in determining what paths will need maintenance with a budget of \$15,000-\$20,000 and the funds will come out of the Metro Fund.

Kurt Rudolph, Chairman, biked the trails in the Township and reported favorably on their overall condition. He found grass cracks through the path roadways on the Spring Arbor Trail from Robinson Road to Brown Street. Also, he asked if the Township could talk to residents to cut back the encroachment on the sidewalks along McDevitt.

J. Guerriero added he found areas on Probert Road, as you get closer to Francis Street, in the same condition with the added addition of cracks from tree roots.

J. Worden commented it may be more cost effective to cut those sections out in the Spring, and that he would get bids. The highest volume areas will be addressed first, and as time and funds allow, will continue with each maintenance item.

J. Worden stated that a replacement for Charles Neese is needed for both the Recreation Planning Committee and as an Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition to those two openings, there is also an additional full time position to the Zoning Board of Appeals open. Suggestions for a replacement should have the individuals contact the Township Clerk for an application and/or contact the Township Supervisor or apply online.

A motion was made by N. Stopyak, second by Chairman K. Rudolph, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary