

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 19, 2007

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison; Allan Hooper

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Bauman, Region 2 Planning

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

A motion was made by M. Tallman, supported by M. Waite, to approve the October 15, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

Summit Township Recreation Plan 2008 – 2012 Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Kurt Rudolph, Chairman.

Region 2 Principal Planner, Grant Bauman, stated the 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan was available for review by the general public during the one-month public comment period of October 17th through November 18th 2007. A public notice was placed in the Jackson Citizen Patriot on October 17th (A copy of the newspaper notice will be found in Appendix E on page E-3.) and a copy of the plan was and will be available at the Summit Offices, the District Library in Vandercook and on the Township and Region 2 Planning Commission web sites.

The survey and public response to the notices of the 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan indicated the same conclusion as the previous Recreation Plan.

The 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan developed two (2) goals and four (4) projects:

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 including, but not limited to:

- Playgrounds
- Natural areas
- Picnic areas

Four distinct projects:

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

Public Comment:

Gordon Heins, 26 Hidden Ridge Trail, asked if all the proposed projects in the plan will be completed in the five (5) year period of the plan.

G. Bauman responded that it would be challenging to complete all four (4) projects in five (5) years. He further added that with changes in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules, projects not specifically listed in the plan could be considered for funding. Also, only one (1) project from the previous Recreation Plan was completed.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, commented on the positive experience of the Falling Water Trail and the momentum it has stirred in the community. Kurt stated he envisions development of neighborhood connectors in the Township to allow easy access to the Falling Water Trail.

J. Worden commented on projects that were constructed but were not in the previous plan including the bike lanes on Francis Street from the City limits to Francis and McDevitt, and East South Street from Francis Street east. He also commented on other projects that were engineered but not constructed because of right-of-way issues.

G. Bauman added information on DNR rule changes and grant opportunities.

J. Worden asked if Region 2 worked with government units on grant applications.

G. Bauman replied that he has worked on only one (1) grant, the Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant that the County Parks used to partially fund the Falling Waters Trail project.

J. Dunn, Township Supervisor, 1205 Hampton Drive, thanked the Recreation Committee and Grant Bauman from Region 2 for all their hard work on the 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan

A motion was made by M. Tallman, supported by M. Waite, to approve the 2008 – 2012 Summit Township Recreation Plan as written and to authorize Chairman K. Rudolph to sign the required Resolution of Approval. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by M. Waite, supported by K. Rudolph, Chairman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 21, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary