

Recreation Planning Committee

November 19, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Todd Emmons, Township Board Liaison; Aaron Bush, Jim Guerriero, Charles Neese and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Marilyn Waite

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by J. Guerriero, supported by C. Neese, to approve as written the August 20, 2012 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recreation Plan Goals and Objectives (Chapter 5)

Grant Bauman, Region II Planning, reviewed the statewide initiative of The Great Lake-To-Lake Trails – Route 1: South Haven to Port Huron on Page 5 of Chapter 4

K. Rudolph, Chairman, made the following request for changes to the map on page 5-3.
Change the label for Mc Devitt to Existing Bike Path (open hexagon)
Change bike lanes label to Bike Lanes/Paths

No changes were requested for Chapter 6

Survey Results

Chapter 4 – Planning and Public Input Processes

The online survey on the Township website received seventeen (17) responses. Responses indicate a change in support from the previous survey: 64.7% would not support expansion/improvement of the trail system within Summit Township. The scores for most utilized trail were the Falling Waters Trail (28.9%) followed closely by the Weatherwax Rd Trail (21.2%) then the Inner City Trail (13.2%).

Because of the low level response from the survey, Grant Bauman suggested an open house be held to get more feedback from township residents.

An Open House/Recreation Planning Committee meeting will be held on January 14th, 2013 to review the final updates made to the Recreation Plan. At this meeting existing and proposed Maps (Page 5-3) and the Great Lake-To-Lake Trails Map are to be displayed. This will be followed by a thirty (30) day public review period. Then, a public hearing will be held on February 18th to make a motion for approval of the Recreation Plan to the Township Board at their March 26th meeting.

Complete Streets Resolutions

The committee reviewed the resolution supporting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Complete Streets Initiative as outline in Public act 134, and Public Act 135, of 2010.

Committee noted how this fits into the recreation plan, and how the township is doing all it can to help the school system. Township has agreed to pay \$25,000 for engineering costs if a school gets a Safe Routes to School grant. Grants now require a local 20% match and sidewalks on both sides of the street.

The meeting was adjourned by K. Rudolph, Chairman at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary