

# Recreation Planning Committee

January 14, 2013

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Michael Way, Township Board Liaison; Aaron Bush, Jim Guerriero, and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jim Dunn, Doug Hoyt and Todd Emmons

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The public review of the draft Recreation Plan was opened for comment by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

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## **Recreation Plan 2013 – 2018 Public Review**

The committee was provided with the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan that was updated by Region II.

The main page contains an error and should read 2013 – 2018 (not 2017).

This meeting is an open house to answer questions and review the two (2) proposed and existing maps of the trails in Summit Township. The original 2002 map of the Jackson County trail system was also displayed for comparison.

Significant updates were pointed out in Chapters 3, 4, and some of the maps were also updated.

To gain community feedback an online survey was posted on the Township website from September-October 31, 2102.

The electronic version of the draft plan will be available on the website on Tuesday, January 5, 2013 and public comments are encouraged.

**MAPS** – Discussion of ways to connect the Horton Road path from Weatherwax Road to Summit Oaks Mall. Safety concerns were expressed as it relates to bike lanes instead of a traditional off road path, obtaining easements and matching financial opportunities were discussed.

Potential project suggestions for improving the trail system include:

1) To make a connection from Ferguson Corners to the City on Horton Road using either the north, south or a combination of both sides.

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2) Make a connection to the Falling Waters Trail by way of Ridgeway from the dead end to Lowe Road to Horton Road. Jim Dunn commended the committee on the work that has been done and expressed the Township's appreciation.

A public hearing will be held on Monday February 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Township meeting room to consider adoption of the Recreation Plan for 2013 to 2018.

On March 26, 2013 the Township Board of Trustees will consider the recommendation of the Recreation Planning Committee on the 2013 – 2018 Recreation Plan.

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The meeting was adjourned by K. Rudolph, Chairman at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary