

# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

## January 16, 2006

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Allan Hooper, Marilyn Waite

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The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

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K. Rudolph, Chairman, stated the second page of the September 19, 2005 meeting minutes did not read well. Discussion took place over the first paragraph, J. Worden, verified the information, and no corrective measures were requested.

A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by N. Stopyak, to approve the September 19, 2005 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

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K. Rudolph, Chairman welcomed, the present members of the Friends of the Falling Water Trail, stated the committee interest in their project and asked how the committee could assist.

Todd Zeller spoke on behalf of Friends of the Falling Water Trail. The organization has risen over \$1 million dollars in funding over the past two years through numerous grants and trusts. The project is approximately one month behind the Army Arts project (City of Jackson) and, as a result, the City of Jackson has been able to assist the Friends of the Falling Water Trail with the endeavors needed to proceed with various projects and deadlines.

R. Wilson questioned if all the property needed for the project had been acquired.

Todd Zeller responded that the County of Jackson owns all the property that will be used for the trail.

J. Worden asked if there would be any construction this year.

J. Guerriero, Director, Jackson County Parks department, responded construction will begin this year starting at Weatherwax Drive.

Discussion took place on land Summit Township owns that is adjacent to the trail. This land would be suitable for a staging area for the trail. J. Worden passed out handouts containing aerial images and specific information on the land.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, requested the Friends of the Falling Water Trail to come back at a later date with specifics on what assistance and resources would be required from Summit Township.

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J. Worden reported the status of the Horton Road path and added that there is a possibility the path could become a reality if constructed on the south side of Horton Road and the necessary easement is obtained from Truman Phillips, owner of the property located in the 900 block of Horton Road.

R. Wilson questioned if the cost estimate for the construction of the trail on the south side of Horton Road was available.

J. Worden responded that the cost estimated for construction of the path had not been requested because of the unknown status of the necessary easement.

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J. Worden reported \$25,000 of the current fiscal year's budget has not been spent and only \$3,400.00 of the previously allocated \$15,000.00 had been spent on the preliminary engineering of the Horton Road path. He also proposed retaining the same dollar amount for the next fiscal year's budget.

A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by K. Rudolph, Chairman, to request \$25,000 for the 2006 – 2007 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by N. Stopyak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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**NEXT MEETING:** March 20, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary