

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

January 17, 2005

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison and Raymond Lowe.

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday January 17, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall Conference Room.

A motion was made by N. Stopyak, supported by M. Waite, to approve as written the October 18, 2004 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, presented a draft document titled "Trail-Way Development Plan" for discussion. The Development Plan addressed overall design, safety/security, esthetics, maintenance, funding options, and a timetable. Path/trail way development in the road right-of-way using gas tax money was discussed. The trail way system in Bay City is away from the road areas. Also it was noted that the Riverwalk Trail in Bay City was developed with donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

The following were areas of discussion on the future and current trails/paths:

1. Need to develop a model area as advertising for future trails using an existing segment of the current system, perhaps Weatherwax Dr.
2. Maintenance of existing trails/paths as necessary in the promotion of additional trails/paths
3. Signage for safety and as a method of restricting motorized vehicles on the trail/path system
4. Use of storm drain and other easements in developing future trails/paths
5. Avoid crossing driveways and street intersections, if possible, to help increase safety
6. Consider a partnership with both the Jackson County and City Park Boards in developing a complete system available to all citizens
7. Consider all options when developing future and connecting current trails/paths
8. Who in the community should be involved in the future development and promotion of the trails/paths

K. Rudolph will meet with Jim Parrott, Parks Director for the City of Jackson, to discuss what the City has in mind for the trail/path system in the City and possible joint projects.

J. Worden commented on the process for engineering and request for funding on the proposed Horton Rd. path connecting Weatherwax Dr. and Ella Sharp Park. The Township Board approved the engineering cost for the project at their December 2004, board meeting and that K. Rudolph was at the meeting to answer any questions and to support the project. John stated that a possible path along M-60 as part of the Stone Ridge Development is being discussed and a concept drawing may be available at the March, 2005 meeting.

MEETING CONVENED: 7:00 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Stopyak, Secretary