

Recreation Planning Committee

March 16, 2015

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

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

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by M. Way, supported by A. Bush, to approve the Monday, February 16, 2015 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on Reapplication for Horton Road Non-motorized Path:

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public and discuss a proposal to make a reapplication to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a grant to fund the proposed trail along Horton Road between Weatherwax and Park. John Worden reviewed the proposed path that was applied for in the 2014-15 MDNR grant cycle. John noted how the trail coordinates with projects proposed by Jackson County (Cascades Park to the Interurban Trail) and the City of Jackson (Park & Horton to Fourth St. Connector) in the 2015-16 MDNR grant cycle. It is felt that the interconnectedness of the 3 projects will be beneficial for all three governmental units for approval and maximize the funding awarded. Grant Bauman of Region 2 Planning is preparing all three applications. John also noted that he has sent a letter to Scott Robbins, Jackson County Parks, requesting that the County maintain the new 4000' path. The County should approve the request on Wednesday, March 18.

John reviewed the route with pictures from the last grant application. Jim recommended that some new pictures be incorporated into the new grant application as Horton Road has been rebuilt and the route for the path is better identified.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Public Hearing was opened for public comments at 7:25 p.m. by the Chairman. Tom Sullivan of 1322 Horton Rd. asked "Has the route for the path been determined and if it is on the North or South side of Horton. The details of the route were provided. It will travel on the North side of Horton from Weatherwax to just before Harding. It will cross Horton prior to Harding and continue in toward the City on the South side of Horton Road ending at Park.

Martha Willard asked if the route been determined from Park & Horton to Fourth Street. That is the City's project and the details have not been communicated to date.

The Public Hearing was closed by the Chairman at 7:34 p.m. with no other comments.

A motion was made by J. Guerriero, supported by M. Way, to recommend that the Township Board approve the reapplication of the grant request to the MDNR for the previously approved Horton Road Non-motorized path. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was adjourned by Chairman K. Rudolph, at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt Rudolph, Chairman

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Motion duly made and passed by the Summit Township Recreation Planning Committee at a special meeting held on March 16, 2015 at the Summit Township Offices, with a quorum present.

Kurt Rudolph, Chairman

Dated March 18, 2015