

# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

## March 20, 2006

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

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A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by N. Stopyak, to approve the Monday, January 16, 2006 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

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R. Wilson reported on the discussion on the Friends of the Falling Water Trail at the Board of Trustees February 2006 meeting. The main concern was the maintenance of the land Summit Township owns adjacent to the trail and proposed as a trail head.

J. Worden spoke on the availability of water and sewer on the land and noted Township tap fees would still need to be paid by whomever owns or develops the proposed trailhead.

R. Wilson commented on the funds the Falling Water Trail Committee has raised for the project to date and as discussed at the last Summit Township Recreation Planning meeting with members of the Committee.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, agreed with R. Wilson's statements and added that up to three (3) trailheads are being considered in the project.

Further discussion took place on maintenance, vandalism, police coverage, and lighting mentioned at the previous meeting.

A. Hooper questioned the total commitment of the Township and the Recreation Planning Committee and asked if the Township was planning on selling the land to the Falling Water Trail.

J. Worden explained a process of having the Township Assessing Department determine the current land value, and possibly deeding the land over to the Jackson County Parks department. The deed could then be used as an in-kind match or a hard match in obtaining additional grants or funding.

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At the last meeting J. Worden reported a possibility of the Horton Road Pathway being constructed on the south side of Horton Road. In order to begin, a necessary easement must be obtained from Truman Phillips, owner of the property located in the 900 block of Horton Road. J. Worden reported contacting Truman Phillips attorney, Jeff Anderson, by phone and in writing and has not received a reply to date.

A. Hooper commented that the Committee may have better luck if a letter was sent directly to Mr. Phillips instead of his attorney.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, stated he would write Mr. Phillips a letter on behalf of the Recreation Planning Committee.

J. Worden stated that a request had already been sent out to Mr. Phillips via his attorney in the first week of September 2005, and Mr. Phillips has yet to respond back.

N. Stopyak asked if there was anything that the committee could be doing in the meantime.

Discussion took place on the following outstanding projects: Francis Street connection, Mc Devitt and Parkway connection, and the connection behind Lumen Christi High School. J. Worden also passed out a printout of Open Multi-Use Trails for the state of Michigan. The information was obtained from the internet at <http://www.michigantrails.org>. The committee was encouraged to visit the web site.

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A. Hooper questioned if the reported \$25,000 of the current fiscal year's budget, reported by J. Worden at the last meeting, would be jeopardized if the monies were to be used for a project for the Falling Water Trail instead of the Horton Rd. Pathway.

J. Worden answered that the money in the Recreation Planning Committee budget expires at the end of March and the proposal is to have the same amount allocated for the 2007 fiscal year.

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A motion was made by A. Hooper, supported by R. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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**NEXT MEETING:** May 15, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary