

Recreation Planning Committee

March 21, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Todd Emmons, Township Board Liaison; Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Marilyn Waite and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allan Hooper, Jim Guerriero.

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 7:03 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by K. Rudolph, supported by T. Emmons, to approve as written the November 15, 2010 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, asked J. Worden to comment on what the Metro Act is and what the monies collected can be used for. John explained that the Act collects an assessment of 5 cents per lineal foot of telephone or cable in the road right of way and that monies collected are distributed to communities for projects in the public right of way such as engineering for improvements, sidewalks, equipment for maintenance in the right of ways and other uses.

Tony Hollow, Superintendent of Schools for Vandercook, presented an overview of the Safe Route to Schools project being considered and that a committee has been formed and is meeting on a monthly basis to review routes and options available. The various proposals were reviewed on maps with the members of the Recreation Planning Committee and suggestions from members were made. T. Hollow stated that the application will be submitted in the fall or early winter with project approval expected for the fiscal year beginning in October of 2012. The monies for the project are from the Federal Government Safe Route to Schools Program. The program is 100% funded by the Federal Government except for engineering costs. Other projects funded in the area have had local government participation and it is being requested that the Township consider some cost sharing in the engineering. Summit's co-operation will help with the application process and will show both community involvement and local government involvement and commitment to the project.

A motion by K. Rudolph and supported by N. Stopyak to recommend to the Township Board that a commitment to the engineering costs for the Safe Route to Schools Project be approved with the Township contributing up to 50% of the cost of the engineering

costs not to exceed \$25,000.00, using Metro Act monies that are available and that such monies be reserved through December 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion on the project proposed by the County/City Parks to connect the Cascades paths/trails with the Inter City Trail which connects with the Falling Water Trail. It was noted that this connection has been presented before and that Summit's Recreation Plan, and a previous grant application, has recommended this connection.

A motion by K. Rudolph and supported by M. Waite to recommend that the Township Board of Trustees indicate to Parks and County Boards their support for the purchase and development of the property that would connect the Inter City Trail with the Cascades Trail. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officers: A motion by N. Stopyak and supported by T. Emmons that K. Rudolph be retained as Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting calendar was discussed and accepted.

There was a discussion that the vacant position on the Committee previously held by Kali Briggs be filled and suggested that Dianne McQuillan from Vandercook Schools be considered. This appointment would provide a liaison between the Vandercook Schools and the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned by K. Rudolph, Chairman at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Worden, Recording Secretary