

Recreation Planning Committee  
May 16, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Jim Guerriero, Vice Chairman; Michael Way, Township Board Liaison; Laurie Cunningham, Planning Commission Liaison; Martha Willard; and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aaron Bush; Mike Greanya

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The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

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A motion was made by J. Guerriero, supported by M. Way, to approve the Monday, February 15, 2016 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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The Recreation Planning Committee welcomed Laurie Cunningham as the Planning Commission Liaison

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### **HORTON ROAD TRAIL UPDATE –**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Grants Management emailed instructions for accessing the Township's project agreement for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant. The deadline to review the project agreement document and submit the required documents on the Mi-Rec-Grants website is June 12, 2016. The executed project agreement must be accompanied with the following three (3) pieces of information:

1. Legal Description of the project area
2. Boundary map of the project area, outlined in red, signed and dated
3. Certified resolution of the local governing body accepting the grant & committing to define match amount

The Township is awaiting response from the State on the following questions:

1. Can the Township combine efforts with the City of Jackson and Jackson County for projects awarding one bid for construction?
2. Can the legal description for the project reference road right-of-way instead of a full legal description and include the two easements across the Phillips and Clark properties?
3. Does the awarded Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) development grant dollar amount need to be listed on the signs posted during project development?

The City of Jackson, accepted a \$250,000 grant from the Weatherwax Foundation for the new Multi-use Trail from Horton Road to New Leaf Park, and name said trail, "PAKA" Trail, after the Weatherwax Foundation founders.

Unlike the City of Jackson and Jackson County, Summit Township may retain the trails current name of Weatherwax Trail.

The beginning section of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Agreement, Project Number TF15-0069, was included in the meeting packet. Complete requests for final reimbursement must transpire prior to July 31, 2018.

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## **GRAND RIVER WATER TRAIL PROJECT**

This project has good movement. Watch the Township website for an update slideshow of Grand River Water Trail photos thru Summit Township taken by Jim Seitz and Kenny Price.

G.R.E.A.T. has requested assistance in removing a large tree on the Grand River located off Park Road east of Francis. It is very large in size and man power is needed, so they are asking the Township Fire Department assistance. Fire Chief Tim McEldowney will be working with Kenny Price from G.R.E.A.T. This needs to be completed before Sunday, May 22, 2016, because a paddle will be taking place on that day.

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

M. Willard asked when construction will begin on Kibby Road in Jackson City. J. Worden responded it will not take place until 2017.

M. Way commented that he had met and spoken with the new Jackson County Parks Director, Jeff Hovarter, and he extended an invitation to the next meeting.

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A motion was made by K. Rudolph, Chairman, second by L. Cunningham, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary