

Recreation Planning Committee
May 19, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison; Michael Tallman, Allan Hooper, Marilyn Waite, John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison;

ALSO PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, March 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by R. Wilson, supported by M. Waite, to approve as written the March 17, 2008 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. Repair Recommendations for Existing Paths

K. Rudolph, Chairman will meet with Ken Straub and create a spreadsheet of the needed improvements to the existing paths.

The chairman reviewed the trail(s) on the following roads:

Weatherwax, Spring Arbor, High Street, Probert Road, McDevitt

Most work needed is a good sweeping in most of the areas, but Probert Road trail needs the most work.

Spring Arbor:

Debris increases near the city, with increased debris past dentist office.
There is vegetation overgrowth in one area.

High Street:

2 Dangerous sections on this road. Need to remove a section then cut the roots out in the sections and repave.

Weatherwax:

Jaring in a section
Washed out section by the road

In the commercial areas it is really bad and not maintained.

Chairman, surface on spring arbor is good and mc devitt with the exception of one slab.

Other problem is curb cuts.

Chair asked worden for a budget for improvements.

Worden, asked for a total cost of the work that needs to be done. Lets find and pinpoint the areas that are in need of the repair.

We need to focus on McDevitt, because that is the townships responsibility.

Asked for something to take to the board at their next meeting in June.

(Top five areas mark with white)

R. Wilson offered to walk the areas

Parking problem at trail head and other issues at Horton and weatherwax you fight find more people parking down at Horton and weatherwax in the doctor office because they aren't open.

m. White people are parking down in other places as well in the vet office

Chair people are starting to park where there is posted no parking.

Chair and R. Wilson will set up a time to go through Weatherwax together.

2. Grant vs Private Funding

Worden, people are asking why we don't apply for a grant. The problem is that the funding requires a 25-50% matching of funds. Right now with the current economy, Summit Township doesn't have the ability to match such funding.

Chair, the Community Foundation would be the receiver of the funds. Using the interest for capital outlay. Setting up a long range, to allow the community to give back estate over time as gifts it doesn't take someone wealthy anyone can be part of it.

Hooper, fund under the Michigan tax credits – 501C3

Wilson then this money would be used as the matching funds?

Chair, yes

It would be money that was given over time. Use community donations for trail developments. See that as total dollars, because it came from local individuals.

Tax credit and tax deduction.

Hooper, have you spoken with the Jackson Community Foundation about this type of fund?

Chair, people give towards what they have a passion for. Has spoken with the Community Foundation, but in generalities about this type of endowment fund.

M. White, both trails inner city and falling waters you wouldn't have trouble obtaining these funds.

Worden, suggestion when you get together the repairs you can also request the rec planning committee be allowed to seek or put together a plan for private donations, a funding vehicle to match grants.

Next meeting

motion, supported
to adjourn.

MEETING CONVENED: 7:00 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary