

# SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

## June 7, 2004

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison; Natalie Stopyak; James Dunn, Planning Commission Liaison; John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marilyn Waite

**MEETING CONVENED:** 7:00 P.M.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 8:30 P.M.

A booklet was created by the Summit Township Board to aid in the development of this new committee. J. Worden addressed the committee going through the booklet.

The booklet contained the following:

Acceptance of each member to be part of the committee

Acceptance from DNR for the Recreation Plan – approved through Nov 12, 2007

Acceptance of the Recreation Plan checklist

The Board of Trustees meeting minutes that accepts/creates the Recreation Committee

A Survey sent to get feedback from community concluded that the majority of those surveyed prefer trails/paths.

Demographics

News articles on recreation and townships – lessons learned in construction of

The Recreation Plan as adopted by the Summit Township Board of Trustees

J. Worden also pointed out an additional document not in the booklet, the Trail Way Master Plan for Jackson County that is available for viewing.

Each member present introduced him or herself and told of their focus and their strengths they bring to this committee.

Kurt Rudolph, Chairman, background will assist in funding and development of trails. As a member of the Bay Area Community Foundation assisted in the development of over three miles of riverfront and fifteen miles of trails.

Rick Wilson, Appointed by the Board of Trustees, is the Superintendent of Recreation for the City of Jackson. His expertise is in recreation for adults and kids.

James Dunn, Planning Commission Liaison, has no recreation background. He would like to see this committee focus on trails.

Natalie Stopyak, background is in Recreation Administration and Environmental Activities. She designed a City Park for Kalamazoo and currently provides remediation management and environmental due diligence for property acquisition and sales.

The committee agreed that their future efforts would focus on the constructing and maintaining of non-motorized trails.

J. Dunn would like to start by prioritizing things, and finding a direction for the committee.

J. Worden, went over the term limits for each committee member: Kurt Rudolph 2007; Natalie Stopyak 2006; James Dunn and Rick Wilson were appointed by the Summit Township Board of Trustees.

K. Rudolph asked if anyone knew of a student in the Vandercook Lake area that would be interested in joining this committee. Kurt is interested in promoting walking among students.

R. Wilson stated he knew the principal at Vandercook Lake and he would contact him for a student suggestion.

**NEXT MEETING:** August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Formality was requested for the next meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Hubbell