

# Recreation Planning Committee

August 20, 2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Todd Emmons, Township Board Liaison; Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Jim Guerriero, Charles Neese and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aaron Bush, Marilyn Waite

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The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

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A motion was made by Jim Guerriero, supported by T. Emmons, to approve as written the May 21, 2012 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

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US - 127 & McDevitt Bridge Bike Way Completed

The McDevitt Bridge Bike Way construction began in May 2012, and is now completed. Although it has been completed for only a short time, the bridge has been vandalized.

The engineering process for a bike path connection on McDevitt to the bridge will be recommended. The connection to the east side is going to be challenging requiring a possible board walk type construction.

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Recreation Plan Review and Comments (Chapters 1-3, Map, Appendix B)

The following changes were recommended by the committee:

Chapter 1, Page 1-4: Obese rate shows Michigan 10<sup>th</sup> new should show 5<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 2, Page 2-3: Move the Township Board organizational chart above the Recreation Planning Committee members. Believe this would be the appropriate way but not sure if it would be correct.

Chapter 3,

Page 3-4: Remove tennis courts, paddle boats, horse shoe pits and add handicap accessible urban fishery (Cascades) and add Kayak Rental at Vandercook Lake Park.

Page 3-5: Change 'paths' to 'lanes', add Francis Street to Ella Sharp Park bike path, add McDevitt from Francis to Old McDevitt bike lanes, also from Maurice 4 foot sidewalk to old McDevitt north side. Spring Arbor Road is on north side not east. High Street Trail, take out city of Jackson and put Cascades Park Trail System.

Page 3-6: 'Schools' instead of 'school'.

Page 3-7: add Golf courses listing of 9 hole. Executive Course and the Cascades Golf Course

Page 3-8: Add Vandercook Lake Schools is the only school district entirely in the township.

Page 3-10: Add Running Club, Cascades Cycling Club, and GREAT (Kayak)

Page 3-13: Add Falling Waters Trail for Bird Watching/Recreational Tourism

Maps:

Map 1: Replace 'Blackman Township' label to 'Summit Township'

Map 3: A lot of letters but not sure what they mean. Investigate a better labeling system

Map 4: Add Kibby Road connector to the connector of the City Trail and the Falling Waters Trail. Same labeling issue as Map 3. [Requesting a large map for the next meeting so the committee can review]

Map 5: 'Unnamed' labels should be named if possible (these may be County Drains)

Appendix A:

Title Page reads Appendix B and it should be Appendix A

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Public Input Questions (previous questions for survey attached)

Past survey results show that township residents support the development of non motorized trails in the township.

2012 survey should include the following questions:

- How do you rate the current linear trail system in Summit Township?
- How many times have you used the linear trail system?
- How do you rate the trail system in Summit Township?
- Which trails do you use the most?
- Where would you like to see the trail system expanded?

Also remove 2 lines of "Other activities".

Discussion for possible distribution of surveys included adding to Township newsletter and making the survey available at the November election if allowed under election laws

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The meeting was adjourned by K. Rudolph, Chairman at 8:02 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary