

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Allan Hooper, Marilyn Waite, Michael Tallman, and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison;

ALSO PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

A motion was made by M. Tallman, supported by A. Hooper, to approve the Monday, May 19, 2008 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

J. Worden updated the Committee on the repairs of the Weatherwax Path. Instead of patching the marked areas of the path, it has been decided to repair the path by cutting out the growth of vegetation, filling the major cracks and then recapping the path from the parking area to Horton Rd. The Jackson County Road Commission, Jackson County Parks and Summit Township will share in the cost. Although the cost to the Township will be increased and the repair of West High St. will need to be put off until next spring it was felt that the new plan for the Weatherwax Path will be a better choice.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, informed the Committee about his discussion with Jerry Peters, a interested citizen who is exploring the Safe Walk to School Program. He has contacted both Lumen Christi and Paragon to see if they are interested in the program. Both have indicated that they are interested enough to check into the program and seek funding if it is feasible. Mr. Peters has also contacted John Ganton to gain his support for possible easements along Robinson Road. K. Rudolph has indicated that the Committee would be willing to support the plan to connect the McCain Rd., Robinson and Spring Arbor Rd. with a path or sidewalks provided funding becomes available.

A funding program was discussed as being necessary if grants are to be applied for and in order to guarantee matching funds required. K. Rudolph will contact Supervisor Dunn and request that he appoint members of the Township Board after the November election to work with the Recreation Committee on a funding plan for the future. K. Rudolph suggested that working with the Jackson Community Foundation would be helpful because of their non profit status and tax advantages for contributors.

The meeting was adjourned by K. Rudolph, Chairman at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2008

Respectfully submitted,
John Worden, Recording Secretary