

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 18, 2006

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

A motion was made by N. Stopyak, supported by M. Tallman, to approve the Monday, July 17, 2006 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

Presentation by County Parks: Trail Head Concept Falling Waters Trail

County Parks Director, Jim Guerriero, introduced County Parks Supervisor, Brandon Ransom. As B. Ransom passed out "Proposed Falling Waters Trail Head Parking" handouts to the committee members, J. Guerriero displayed a proposed plan and drawing of the completed Falling Waters Trail.

J. Guerriero explained the plan will be presented to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners at the next meeting held on September 19, 2006. At this meeting there are three agenda items pertaining to the Falling Waters Trail.

- 1) Proposal Award for Engineering Consulting Services (Prime Professional) for the Falling Waters Trail Project – JJR Smith Group
- 2) Resolution Accepting the Terms of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Project Agreement – Falling Waters Trail Project
- 3) Lease Agreement for the County of Jackson to Lease 8 Miles of Land Owned by the State of Michigan for the Design, Development, and Management of the Falling Waters Trail Project.

Although J. Guerriero would have liked to see the job hired locally it was not feasible to do so because the companies were not MDOT certified. If the contract is made at the commission meeting, with JJR Smith Group, then work will begin the next day, September 20, 2006. As the State of Michigan owns 8.2 miles of land that makes up a portion of the Falling Waters Trail and the County of Jackson owns the center section of the trail, the County of Jackson will be operating the trail as leased land and will maintain the trail.

B. Ransom went over the "Proposed Falling Waters Trail Parking" handout describing the parking lot as being forty (40) feet by two hundred and fifty (250) feet. The parking lot will be able to hold twenty (20) cars. The proposed lot will be approximately six hundred and fifty (650) feet from the trail head (start of the trail) located on Weatherwax Road.

Chairman, K. Rudolph, asked if a buffer strip will be put in place between the parking lot and the Falling Waters Trail.

B. Ransom answered a guard rail or landscaping with a berm will be put in place to keep cars off the Trail.

A. Hooper asked if the parking lot was going to be paved.

B. Ransom answered that initially the parking lot was going to be gravel not paved.

N. Stopyak asked if there were going to be any bathrooms on the trail.

J. Guerriero explained that no bathrooms are going to be installed when the trail is being installed. Due to budget issues the main priority is getting the trail built and then as money becomes available amenities can be added. At that time portable units could be considered.

Chairman, K. Rudolph, asked about the development schedule for the trail.

J. Guerriero explained a grade inspection is scheduled in January and if all permits are turned in on time it is anticipated construction and laying asphalt will begin by September 2007; further, the trail should be completed at the end of the 2007 construction season.

A motion was made by Chairman, K. Rudolph, supported by A. Hooper, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary