

# Recreation Planning Committee

September 19, 2011

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

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A motion was made by M. Waite, supported by J. Guerriero, to approve as written the March 21, 2011 minutes of the Recreation Planning Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Kat Kulchinski is the river master for G.R.E.A.T and is the owner of Quiet World Sports, LLC (QWS), a beginner and intermediate kayaking school in Jackson, Michigan. With an increase in the kayaking demand from the Jackson area and the surrounding states, Kat wishes to expand her kayak business. Ideally, she would like to use Vandercook Lake and its concession area at the county park as a kayak rental/livery. Their kayakers will be able to access the lake for a limited time period. Kat will have her husband and at least one other person to assist her while in session. QWS currently uses Lime Lake for its kayaking business.

The committee recommended that Kat make a presentation at a Township Board meeting and at a County Parks Commission meeting.

A motion was made by A. Hooper, supported by J. Guerriero, to have a letter of support for Kat Kulchinski, of Quiet World Sports LLC, to use the Vandercook Lake concession area for a kayak rental/livery operation sent to the Township Board and to the Jackson County Parks Commission. The motion was carried unanimously.

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The West Michigan sidewalk MDOT project has been completed. Committee members were encouraged to review the impressive completed project.

The Township is investigating the creation of a snow removal ordinance and possibly a sidewalk maintenance ordinance.

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The McDevitt US 127 South bridge replacement detour setup has started. Shoulder work on each side of the road is anticipated to begin in the spring and the bridge will be removed in March. When the project is completed, this committee will make a recommendation to connect the bike paths.

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Summit Township Safe Route to School is an ongoing project. The Township has put aside monies for engineering of the project if a grant is approved for the Vandercook Lake Schools.

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Kathy Kulchinski has great experience and knowledge of recreation and has asked to become a Recreation Planning Committee member.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, will contact the Township Supervisor recommending Kathy Kulchinski as a member for the committee.

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Instead of scheduling meetings every other month, K. Rudolph, Chairman and J. Worden will be creating a new meeting schedule. This committee would have four (4) scheduled meeting times a year, and the next meeting is in November 2011.

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The meeting was adjourned by K. Rudolph, Chairman at 7:48 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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John Worden, Recording Secretary