

Recreation Planning Committee

February 17, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Rudolph, Chairman; Michael Way, Township Board Liaison; Natalie Stopyak, Planning Commission Liaison; Aaron Bush, Jim Guerriero, Martha Willard and John Worden, Summit Township Zoning Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Neese

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, February 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by J. Guerriero, supported by M. Way, to approve the Monday, August 19, 2013 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Election of Officials

A motion was made by M. Way, supported by N. Stopyak, to elect Jim Guerriero as Vice Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by M. Way, supported by J. Guerriero, to retain Kurt Rudolph as Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by J. Guerriero, supported by M. Way, to approve the meeting calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

Easement Obtained Horton Road Path

The Township has obtained an easement 30 feet wide along Horton Road on property owned by Truman Phillips for \$15,000.

A twelve (12) inch replacement water main on Horton Road will be under the easement and replaces a variety of six (6) – eight (8) inch cast iron piping that has been in place since the mid 1960's. This piping is being replaced from Badgley to the City limits.

New drainage will be put in on Weatherwax Drive including roll top curb. During construction the road will be entirely closed and traffic will be rerouted. These updates are scheduled to begin in April 2014.

Engineering, Grant Opportunity with City, Easement Clearing for the Water Main Project

Jim Dunn, Township Supervisor, has met and will continue to meet with City Manager Pat Birch, and Kelly Hoover from Jackson in an effort to get the path on Horton Road into Ella Sharp Park.

Pat Birch has offered the City services to write the grant for Summit Township.

The Township Supervisor may call on this committee for additional ideas and feedback.

The committee looked over drawing of the path. The committee questioned the path width.

J. Guerriero believes it should be twelve (12) feet for the boardwalk. He also added that the path width in Cascades is ten (10) feet and the Falling Waters is twelve (12) feet.

K. Rudolph, Chairman, asked if the neighbors have been notified of the path. The Township has contacted residents about the water main replacement but not the path.

The connection into Sharp Park is up to the City. The Township will be taking the trail up to the City limits. There were talks with the City about using the tunnel under Horton Road but the tunnel height is low. Currently, it has been used sparingly by residents but gets wet and is known to flood.

There was discussion on future projects in particular McDevitt connecting the new bridge walkway and Napoleon Township.

Once all the snow is gone, K. Rudolph, Chairman, recommends that a few people from the committee walk the paths and note updates and upkeep issues.

A motion was made by J. Guerriero, seconded by N. Stopyak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary