

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

September 17, 2007

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rick Wilson, Township Board Liaison; Marilyn Waite, Allan Hooper

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Bauman, Region 2 Planning

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:13 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting room at 2121 Ferguson Road.

A motion was made by K. Rudolph, Chairman, supported by N. Stopyak, to approve the September 10, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was carried unanimously.

Summit Township Recreation Plan Proposal from Region 2 Planning Commission

Region 2 Principal Planner, Grant Bauman, reviewed Chapter 4, "Description of the Public Input Process" document that he had given to the committee. This document featured information that was gathered at the September 10, 2007 Open House and the Recreation Survey that was posted on the Township website as of August 8, 2007.

Chapter 4 featured methods employed to incorporate public input into the development of the recreation plan:
Recreation Survey

The survey results support the findings of the first survey that was performed with the creation of the existing Recreation Plan five (5) years ago.

Question One: Generally speaking, how do you rate the recreation facilities located within and nearby the Township?

The answer with the highest response: Good

Question Two: How many times have you visited any of those recreation facilities within the last year?

Answer with the highest response: 1-10

Question Three: Summit Township has concentrated on developing a trail system within the Township. Should this effort continue?

Answer with the highest response: Yes, trails should be the primary recreation of the Township.

Question Four: Is there another activity that you would like to see available to Township residents?

Answer with the highest response: Biking/Running Paths

There were also additional comments that support this response:

bike/walking land on Horton Road; bike/walking land on Vrooman Road; bike/walking land on all roads, and pleasant areas with benches for the elderly; Recreation center with pool; safe way to get from Polly's area to Weatherwax; replace 4-lane road with 2-lane a turn lane and a bike lane on both sides [Horton Road].

Public Meeting (Open House)

The Open House was held on September 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall. This meeting provided the following information:

- 1) converting Horton Road, between Weatherwax and South Jackson Roads, into a thoroughfare with two lanes of traffic, a center left turn lane, and two bike lanes, and
- 2) various connector trails to the Falling Water Trail which extend into neighborhoods along McCain Road and Kibby Road.

Publicizing Efforts

Grant Bauman listed of all efforts that have been made to publicize the process for updating the recreation plan.

One Month Review Period

The proposed recreation plan will be submitted for the required one month review. At that time the document can be found at the Township office and online at the Region 2 website and the Township website.

Other Planning Efforts

Jackson Community Comprehensive Plan, Regional Trailway Study, and Falling Water Trail paving were discussed.

The following three (3) goals were then created to add to this plan:

- 1) To continue to augment the countywide trail system as it transverses Summit Township.
- 2) Continue to collaborate with other governmental units and other entities in the provision of recreational resources to Greater Jackson.
- 3) Facilitate the efforts of others to develop new recreation facilities available to Township residents such as:
 - a. Playgrounds
 - b. Natural Areas
 - c. Picnic Areas

Discussion then took place over the maps "Proposed Trails and Existing" and "Proposed Trails". Grant highlighted the areas of interest brought up during the Open House. An addition of "Future Phases" was discussed, to be added to the maps.

A motion was made by K. Rudolph, Chairman, supported by N. Stopyak, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: October 15, 2007

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary