

Recreation Planning Committee

August 19, 2013

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The meeting was called to order by K. Rudolph, Chairman, on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Meeting Room.

A motion was made by N. Stopak, supported by M. Way, to approve the Monday, February 18, 2013 minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

The Recreation Planning Committee welcomed new member Martha Willard. Committee members gave brief descriptions of their individual backgrounds.

Horton Road PathWay

Township Supervisor, Jim Dunn, has met with Truman Phillips and his attorney, Jeff Anderson, arranging an agreement for a thirty (30) feet easement that is adjacent to the road right of way on Truman Phillips property located in the 900 block of Horton Road.

Township Supervisor, Jim Dunn, has also met with the Director of Parks, Recreation and Grounds for the City of Jackson, Kelli Hoover. They discussed the possible routes for the pathway entering Ella Sharp Park off Horton Road entering on Hickory Court or down Stonewall around Parkside School. Kelli Hoover would like to discuss this with John Doweling, Department of Engineering for the City of Jackson.

Township Supervisor, Jim Dunn, will be meeting with Jack Ripstra, of Ripstra & Scheppelman, Inc, to review the prints from 2004 for the then proposed path way on Horton Road. It is possible that the pathway may not need any additional easements by going across Weatherwax Drive then crossing Horton Road, instead of crossing Horton Road by Sir Pizza and other buildings at 1529 Horton Road. Traffic is less for west bound traffic east of Weatherwax. There was discussion on moving the traffic light from Badgley and Horton Road to Weatherwax and Horton.

The Township is investigating the possibility of using Act 51 (gas tax) funding, 75%/ 25% (Township portion would be the 25%)

Another idea: approach both the City of Jackson and Jackson County Parks as partners and applicants for funding. This would show inter-governmental cooperation. The County Parks own the trail up to Weatherwax and Horton Roads. Summit Township could then consider paying the

required matching funds, and then turn ownership over to the County. If all of these ideas fall into place, that would make a loop around Parkside School and to the inner city trail. Or the Township could do the process on our own with the City and, once complete, transfer ownership of the Summit portion of the path over to Jackson County Parks.

A. Bush provided an update on the Vandercook Lake Schools Safe Route to School project. The safe route project was developed as an 'L shape' sidewalk between Hague and Draper east and west then on Hague to McDevitt north and south. Unfortunately, the school district does not have the necessary funding for both sides of the road and this is a requirement for Safe Routes to School funding. A. Bush will explore Act 51 funding opportunities for funding this project and report back to this committee.

Summit Township will unveil its new website on August 20, 2013.

A motion was made by M. Way, seconded by A. Bush, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Hubbell, Recording Secretary