

**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PARK COMMISSION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

May 1, 2007

7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: P. Stanton-Kawalec, K. Zera, R. Powell, K. Brooke

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Luckey

OTHERS: H. Patel, D. Cooperrider

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

2.0 ROLLCALL

A quorum was present.

3.0 OPEN MEETINGS ACT / PUBLIC COMMENT I

An attendance sheet was passed in accordance with the open meetings act.

4.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Powell made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brooke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 HICKORY WOODS

Wexford has backed out of the project and the Township would like to purchase the entire property. Should we try to obtain a grant from the DNR? April 2008 would be the earliest to apply and we would not know until November.

5.2 GRAND OPENING OF MARSH VIEW MEADOWS

Director Cooperrider sent out invitations. Hot dogs and chips will be served. Kites will be given to children as well. Tours will be given.

5.3 PARKLAND FOR NW AREA OF TOWNSHIP

The Kirtland Hills property is in a subdivision behind houses (4 acres). Commissioners Zera and Stanton-Kawalec will speak with the Supervisor Walter about more subdivision parks.

5.4 YORK TOWNSHIP VISIT

Remove from minutes.

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6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 SIGNS FOR PRESERVE

The Commission would like more signs in the Preserve. It needs to show which pieces of property are parkland. Hopefully, this will discourage dumping.

6.2 BEMIS/PLATT PARK QUESTIONS

We will not be able to use their parking lot. A fence will be necessary for property lines, especially around the back of the park. We will need space for a parking lot.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zera reported that Duck's Unlimited would like to do a project in the Preserve, as U.S. Fish and Wildlife is doing.

Commissioner Stanton-Kawalec has nothing to report on the new Recreation Center plans.

7.2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Montibeller's new pole barn is almost done. Prairie Park playground is now complete. An Invasives crew is hired. Water levels are high this year at all parks.

JoAnn Fabrics had a problem with a tree falling on their electric wire ending in an outage. They are blaming the Township for their tree falling into the wire. Director Cooperrider will show them the property line.

7.3 PUBLIC COMMENT II

None

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9.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9.1 MARCH 6, 2007

Commissioner Brooke motioned to approve the April 3, 2007 minutes.
Commissioner Brooke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10.0 SET NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Old Business:

Hickory Woods
Grand Opening of Marsh View Meadows
Move the next meeting to June 5th at 5pm. Meet at Administration Building and visit potential parks.

New Business:

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brooke motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Stanton-Kawalec seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**Hyacinthe Patel, Parks and Recreation Recording Secretary
P. Stanton-Kawalec, Secretary, Parks Commission**