

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

July 11, 2007

7:00 pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Luckey

OTHERS: D. Cooperrider, H. Patel

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

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 Stanton-Kawalec made a motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Commissioner Brooke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 UPDATE ON PARKS

Montibeller Park: Montibeller pole barn is done. Invasive removal is in progress, the next invasive removal project at Marsh View Meadows Park.

Stoney Creek Watershed on Platt Road: The soccer fields were not completed due to financial problems.

5.2 UPDATE ON PROSPECTIVE PARKS

Hickory Woods: It is still in court, this is the second lawsuit. Supervisor Walter and Treasurer Lirones said that they would try for a grant to develop the property. Grass has been mowed and baled. Need town meetings set up for public input.

Kirtland Hills: The developer will put up the playground equipment and we will mow. It was suggested to speak to the developer to make sure the equipment is up to code and will last many years. Need this in writing.

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Arbor Woods: The 8 acres are still in the discussion stage. We do not have to develop it.

5.3 UPDATE ON NEW BUILDING

They have put a hold on the new building project until after elections. Discussion followed. Director Cooperrider will send us strategic planning meeting notes by E-mail to Commissioners. Need a site plan of area.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 BUDGET

Director Cooperrider provided the June 2007 Expense report plus a draft of the general and millage budgets for the years 2008 and 2009 to the Commissioners. He discussed and explained the drafts to them. See copy attached

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Zera had an update on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife: They have planted 34 acres of native grass off of Martin Road. Three acres were missed and will be picked up in the next phase. We need to obtain a local wetland permit (the State's is ready), they still need a species list for the State that was missed by the DEQ staff.

Chair Zera noted that we need a sign showing the trail around that the wetland at Prairie Park. We need a dedication ceremony for the park. An heirloom tree was donated and planted in the parking diamond.

7.2 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Memo to the Board of Trustees for the final asphalt coat at Marsh View Meadows Park.
See copy attached

RFP for removal and replacement of wooden play structure at Montibeller Park.

Five bat houses, made by Eagle Scouts, are being installed at our parks;

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August 26, 2007 is the Wilson Farm dedication; Fall Brochures going out August 27th 2007; new park Tech starting August 6th 2007; some trees planted last October not doing well.

Director Cooperrider is on vacation from 7/19/07 to 8/03/07.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT II

None

9.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9.1 JUNE 5, 2007

Commissioner Powell motioned to approve the June 5, 2007 minutes. Commissioner Stanton-Kawalec seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10.0 SET NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Old Business:

Update on Parks

New Business:

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brooke motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Stanton-Kawalec seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:22pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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