



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**LOCATION: TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 7527 HIGHLAND ROAD, WHITE LAKE, MICHIGAN 48383**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

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**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. [Minutes of January 11, 2023](#)
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC**
6. **NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**
  - A. Presentation - Huron River Watershed Council
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **STAFF REPORT**
9. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - A. Member Communications
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
  - A. **NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

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**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

White Lake Township Hall, 7525 Highland, White Lake, MI 48383  
**January 11, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Vice-Chairperson Deren called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was called.

ROLL CALL: Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison  
Kathleen Aseltyne  
Rhonda Grubb  
Deb Deren, Vice-Chair

Absent: Merrie Carlock, Chair

Also Present: Justin Quagliata, Staff Planner  
Sherri Barber, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Member Grubb moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022 as presented. Member Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Randee Kushner (46 Croutty) noted she had conversations with Supervisor Kowall and Member Aseltyne. She had walked her dog for 19 years, and the last time she walked at Vetter Park, the fertilizer used smelled so strong she did not walk that day. She wanted to know if there was an organic treatment. She asked if grass was needed everywhere. She worried about chemicals reaching the Huron River watershed. Member Aseltyne noted the Committee had discussed this in the past.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Public Hearing - 5-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027**

Staff Planner Quagliata noted there would be a brief presentation before the public hearing. The 5-Year Plan was a great tool to guide parks and recreation decision-making. The Plan followed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines. When approved, it would allow the Township to be eligible for grant funding from the State. The Plan could be amended during the 5-year timeframe.

Leah Groya (L. Groya Consulting) discussed the public input and planning processes. She stated if the Committee recommended approval, the Plan would be forwarded to the January 17 Township Board meeting for adoption.

*Vice-Chair Deren opened the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.*

Randee Kushner (46 Croutty) said she reviewed the plan and it was beautiful. She suggested for Stanley Park signage providing information on the first settlers in the area. She also noted the proposed parking lot at Stanley Park was too far from the lake for carrying canoes and kayaks.

Steve Woodard (953 Schuyler) said the change regarding the route into Stanley Park was an excellent preservation of the nature in the park. He said it was prudent to save the existing structure at Stanley Park.

The Earleys (5925 Pine Ridge Court) appreciated the survey input for the 5-Year Plan.

*Vice-Chair Deren closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.*

B. **Recommendation to Township Board - 5-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2027**

**Trustee Voorheis motioned to recommend the White Lake Township Board approve the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027. Seconded by Member Aseltyne and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. **Election of Officers**

Staff Planner Quagliata stated the bylaws required a chair and vice-chair be elected at the first meeting of the year.

**Motion by Member Grubb, seconded by Member Aseltyne to nominate Merrie Carlock as the Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**Motion by Member Aseltyne, seconded by Member Grubb to nominate Deb Deren as the Vice-Chairperson of the Parks and Recreation Committee. The MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported once the 5-Year Recreation Plan was adopted it would be submitted to the State by February 1. The Stanley Park Phase 1 site plan would be on the January 17 Township Board agenda. The proposed additions to the prohibited hunting areas (Township properties) would also be on the Township Board agenda. He was working on the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation grant for the Triangle Trail.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis noted Nashville Detroit and the third Taco Bell were now open. She thanked Deb, Rhonda, and Kathy for continuing on the Committee; they were very appreciated.

Member Aselyne reported Kris Olsen from the Huron River Watershed Council contacted her about being available for the February meeting. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the meeting would be in person at the Annex, but Kris Olsen would be presenting via Zoom. Staff Planner Quagliata would try to make the Zoom available for residents not in attendance.

Member Grubb wished everyone a happy new year.

Member Deren thanked everyone who helped accomplish the 5-Year Recreation Plan update.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.