



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
LOCATION: TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 7527 HIGHLAND ROAD, WHITE LAKE, MICHIGAN 48383
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 September 13, 2023](#)
5. **CALL TO PUBLIC**
6. **NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion: Trunk-or-Treat – October 21, 2023
 - B. Discussion: Millage Proposal – 2024
7. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. [2024 Meeting Dates](#)
8. **STAFF REPORT**
9. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Member Communications
10. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

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**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Vetter Park Pavilion, 685 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386
September 13, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Carlock 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
Merrie Carlock, Chair
Rhonda Grubb

Absent: Alexandra Schillack

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairperson Carlock added Rockin' the Farm and Fisk Farm Festival event summaries to the agenda.

Member Aseltyne moved to approve the agenda as amended. Member Grubb supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Grubb moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2023 as presented. Member Aseltyne supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Earley (5925 Pine Ridge Court) wanted to note they talked to Supervisor Kowall about weed control on sidewalks along M-59. There seemed to be an improvement (west from Lowe's). Chairperson Carlock suggested a blanket permit for weed cleanup. Staff Planner Quagliata reported Kelly Lang and Trish Pergament had been having conversations with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Recommendation to Supervisor: Vetter Park Irrigation Well - Repair

Staff Planner Quagliata presented a quote to replace the bladder tanks for the irrigation well at Vetter Park. The quote included some necessary plumbing work. The well motor was replaced last year.

Member Aseltyne moved to recommend to Supervisor Kowall approval of the quote from A&M Plumbing LLC in the amount of \$3,427.67. Trustee Voorheis supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.

B. Discussion: Trunk-or-Treat

Staff Planner Quagliata noted he, Member Grubb and Member Aseltyne met with The Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Lang, and Greg Baroni to discuss the event planning. The Historical Society, the Chamber, and the Township were working together to hold the event, which would be on October 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event was a success last year, and it would likely be more attended this year. Approximately 50 cars could fit in the confined trunk-or-treat area. Donuts and cider would be donated by Scott Ruggles, hot dogs from the Historical Society, and there would be games in the barn. Some of the ladies may dress up like witches.

C. Discussion: Millage Proposal - 2024

Staff Planner Quagliata noted this was the first discussion on this topic. The Township Board would make the ultimate decision, as the Committee was a recommending body. He discussed options for renew, renew and restore, and increase to 4/10 of a mill or ½ a mill. The Township Board would likely not increase to anything more than ½ mill. Just renewing would not get much. Chairperson Carlock was interested in what other communities did (comparables). She said success rates for renewals were pretty high. Trustee Voorheis suggested the Township Board would support renew and restore. Chairperson Carlock said White Lake was blessed with State parks and a Metro Park in the Township. Staff Planner Quagliata said the Township Board would likely place the millage on the August 2024 ballot. Staff Planner Quagliata said it was important to have this funding, and staff would provide comparables so the Committee could make its recommendation to the Board.

Rockin' the Farm

Member Grubb said this was a nice event, and it would probably be better attended in the future. She suggested signage listing all the activities and locations during the event.

Fisk Farm Event

Trustee Voorheis said it was a fun event and exhausting. They had record numbers for attendance, maybe 2,000 people. They doubled the admission price from \$1 to \$2 this year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata had nothing else to report.

b. Member Comments

Trustee Voorheis reported Panera Bread (proposed on a Meijer outlot) received preliminary site plan approval from the Township Board. There had been a lot of meetings about the public safety building and township hall. The Avalon project was still moving ahead with preparing its final site plan. Next week two new fire fighters would be sworn in at the Township Board meeting.

Member Aseltyne had nothing to report.

Chairperson Carlock reported she wished there were sidewalks along the roundabouts. She said sidewalks should have been installed. Staff Planner Quagliata said the Township discussed this with the County and the school and no one wanted to pay for it. Chairperson Carlock said she would not be at the October 11 meeting due to attending the national rabbit show in Kentucky.

Member Grubb had nothing to report. She enjoyed Rockin' the Farm.

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

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

2024 Parks and Rec Meeting Dates

January 10, 2024

February 14, 2024

March 13, 2024

April 10, 2024

May 8, 2024

June 12, 2024

July 10, 2024

August 14, 2024

September 11, 2024

October 9, 2024

November 13, 2024

December 11, 2024