



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**LOCATION: TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 7527 HIGHLAND ROAD, WHITE LAKE, MICHIGAN 48383**  
**(FORMER WHITE LAKE LIBRARY)**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 – 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 August 10, 2022
- 5. CALL TO PUBLIC**
- 6. NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**
  - A. Beckett & Raeder – Stanley Park Design Discussion
  - B. Hunting Area Control Ordinance – Amendment
  - C. Fisk Farm Halloween Event
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 8. STAFF REPORT**
- 9. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - A. Member Communications
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
  - A. NEXT MEETING DATE: **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

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**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting

Location: Vetter Park Pavilion – 685 Union Lake Road, White Lake, MI 48386

**August 10, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Member 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, Chairperson  
Deb Deren, Vice Chair

Absent: Rhonda Grubb

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Summer event discussion needed to be added to the agenda.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Member Aseltyne moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2022 as presented. Member Deren supported and the MOTION CARRIED with a voice vote, 4 yes votes.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mary Earley (5925 Pine Ridge Ct.) was in attendance for the meeting and discussed a form that White Lake Police keep on file for special circumstances at homes during police calls.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 5-Year Recreation Plan – Survey Questions**

Staff Planner Quagliata reported Groya Consulting had prepared questions for consideration. Surveys would be sent to the Township email lists. A Facebook posting and posting the survey on the Township website would also be completed. Paper copies could be put at Township Hall, the Senior Center, and the library. Two types of public input for the Recreation Master Plan were required. Staff Planner Quagliata and Leah Groya would have a tent at the Fisk Farm Festival for in-person input. The Committee supported use of the survey questions as presented.

**B. Hunting Area Control Ordinance – Amendment**

Staff Planner Quagliata noted the Committee discussed a potential amendment in January. He presented the original ordinance and all the amendments over the years. The Committee discussed allowing hunting on State land and 80 acre and larger parcels. There was discussion about if someone needed to carry a note if given permission to hunt by a property owner. Discussion of the minimum parcel size – should it be 25 acres? Chairperson Carlock stated the Committee could talk to a local conservation officer. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) had a website called “MiHunt” – which identified local hunting areas. Chairperson Carlock wanted private and public properties shown differently on the map.

Steve Woodard (953 Schuyler) would like to see the prohibited hunting area include Mud Lake, 450 feet from an occupied dwelling. He added some local lakes prohibited hunting.

The Committee stated when this amendment was completed, notice should be posted in many locations. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Committee would recommend any changes to the Township Board. He added a different version of the amendment revised based on feedback received tonight would be presented to the Committee at a future meeting

**C. Stanley Park Vandalism – Restitution For Damages**

Bob Szolach, Maintenance Staff, reported there was vandalism (spray paint) on the block building and back of the park rules sign. Maintenance Staff Szolach cleaned-up the vandalism by covering it with paint, both inside and outside the block building. Maintenance Staff Szolach said Staff Planner Quagliata had the cost (damage) estimate which would hopefully be recovered by restitution. The Police Department found the suspected individual; they were known to do this. He was charged and the Township was seeking restitution – about \$ 1,000.

**D. Vetter Park Irrigation Well**

Maintenance Staff Szolach stated Director Potter wanted sprinkler systems going where available during dry summers. Peerless was used for DPS projects and they came out and looked at the well. Staff Planner Quagliata had received a couple quotes for the work.

**Member Aselyne moved to approve the replacement of the irrigation well at Vetter Park, not to exceed \$10,000 and to wait until Spring 2023 to move forward with the replacement. Member Deren supported and the motion carried with a voice vote (4 votes).**

**E. Fisk Farm Festival**

Staff Planner Quagliata noted he and Leah Groya would be at the Fisk Farm Festival on September 10 to gather public input for Recreation Master Plan. He asked the Committee members who were available to attend the event.

**F. Site Walk – Vetter Park**

Weeds were overgrown at the play structure and would need to remove and replace 12-14 inches of play surface.

The infield needed to be dragged. A hired contractor would need to do it – the Township did not have the equipment needed. Chairperson Carlock added staff could contact GameTime to discuss the condition of the field.

There were some low hanging trees along the path which needed to be at least eight feet above the path. There were some low hanging trees at Hawley Park too. Staff Planner Quagliata was contracting out this work.

Bob Szolach reported Stanley Park was being mowed to keep the trail walkable and brush hogging the long grass areas too. Fisk Farm was status quo. Hawley Park sprinklers were working and the grass is cut there every week. He dragged the volleyball court before Family Fun Day and weeds grew up quickly. Bob had some concerns about Vetter Park. Was the playscape certified? A certified inspector could provide a report. The Committee discussed handicap accessible types of mulch, etc. The Vetter Park sign was rotted. Bob said Supervisor Kowall was repairing the sign.

**Summer Event**

Chairperson Carlock thought Family Fun Day went well for the first event. Supervisor Kowall received a debriefing regarding what went well and didn't go well. The first event was a learning process and to see how it went. Maybe a different time of year next year would work better, there were so many events in the summer. Chairperson Carlock thought August may be a better month for a summer event. Staff Planner Quagliata stated the Historical Society would like Family Fun Day held at Fisk Farm. The Committee was thankful for the volunteers help, and added everyone at the event had a good time. The Committee appreciated the Police Foundation donating hot dogs and buns and also lent its tents. Bob noted DPS donated water bottles.

Staff Planner Quagliata noted the Township would try to start taking on more special events under Parks and Recreation. He added the Township would help the Historical Society with trunk-or-treat. The event budget for 2023 was \$12,000.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. Staff Report

Staff Planner Quagliata reported he would try to obtain a Spark Grant for converting the existing block building at Stanley Park. The biological assessment for Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnakes at Stanley Park did not need to be completed by a herpetologist; Becket and Raeder was able to complete the assessment. U.S. Fish and Wildlife completed its review of the assessment. Staff Planner Quagliata added Becket and Raeder would be at the regular September meeting to discuss Stanley Park design.

b. Member Comments

Member Voorheis noted the recent police promotions. Promotion to Sergeant - Tom Sarasin and promotion to Lieutenant - Jeff Way. She said Bob took her through the Township parks and she saw a lot of people using the parks (and saw a fox).

Member Deren reported about the recent run; there were 200 people. She appreciated the help from the Police Department.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.