

ORANGE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Orange Township Hall

1680 East Orange Road

7:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

ROLL CALL

- Barrett Ault - Present
- Jennifer Keck - Present
- Mo Orsatti - Present
- Brian Hock - Present
- Marla Gileath - Present
- Deborah Taranto, Trustee Liaison - Present
- Beth Hugh, Maintenance and Parks Director – Present

Minutes were prepared by Township Administrative Assistant Nancy Fay

Lee Bodnar thanked the park board for all they do and presented them all with lapel pins with the Orange Township logo.

Introduction of new Park Board Liaison

- Trustee Deb Taranto introduced herself and said there are changes coming. Trustees need to vote on new park board by-laws, park board won't have a liaison. Park board members can speak with any trustee they feel comfortable with.
- Ms. Taranto offered her thoughts to run meeting smoothly, look at agenda ahead of time, get back up and look at back up ahead of time, prepare for meeting, look at surrounding communities calendars.
- Ms Taranto will come to some meetings and would love to help out with events.

Introduction of New Board Member

- Marla Gileath resident of Glen Oak relocated from Michigan. Enjoys Orange Township and the parks, libraries and trails, she feels this is a great way to give back to community.

Nominations & Election for 2017 Chair

Brian Hock nominates Barrett Ault to continue. Jennifer Keck seconds. Ms. Ault accepts. Vote: Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Brian Hock - yes, Marla Gileath - yes

Nominations & elections for Vice Chair

Mo Orsatti nominates Brian Hock. Jennifer Keck seconds. Mr. Hock accepts. Vote: Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Marla Gileath - yes Barrett Ault - yes

Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2016

Ms. Ault moved to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2016 meeting. Vote: Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Brian Hock - yes

Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2016

Ms. Ault moved to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting.
Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Brian Hock - yes

Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2016

Ms. Ault moved to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2016 meeting.
Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Brian Hock - yes

Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2016

Ms. Ault moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting.
Jennifer Keck - yes, Brian Hock - yes

Approval of Updated By-Laws

- This item was tabled

2017 Park Appropriations

- Beth Hugh handed out park appropriations - everything on it approved
- Broke into line items operating, repair and maintenance, North Road Park, equipment, vehicles, site improvement
- Ms. Keck commented appropriation hand out is great; helpful in making decisions
- Ms. Orsatti asks for revenue sources and grants
 - Ms. Hugh will get this to them also final appropriations for twp

Veterans Memorial

- Trustee Robert Quigley thanked park board for all they do
- Mr. Quigley spoke about the veterans memorial; looking at the corner park where the historic township hall is located for the memorial but needs plan for entire park before putting in memorial. He would like the park board to work on the plan for the corner park.
- Some feedback he has received about park with memorial is residents would like it to be a park for reflection not active.

North Road Park Development Discussion and Update

- Working on construction drawings
- coordinating with North Road construction
- North entrance point will be full movement; south entrance point will be right in right out
- Shifting parking lot due to turn lane into park - allows more stacking
- parking more centered now - potential future parking on each side (north & south) of parking lot
- 1 mile loop - school has initially agreed to pay for their section - but can't in 2017 - that works well with road construction though
- Mr. Hock asks why the cost of concession building is \$600,000? Ms. Hugh replies the restrooms added to the price. Also the original estimate of 2.5 million did not include buildings, and before archeological study there was one third of the property that we did not think we would be able to develop. Drainage and a 5th soccer field that we were able to add, have also increased the price. The buildings together were 800,000 and that included maintenance garage, pre-fab shelter and concessions.
- Phase 1 - to be bid this spring and construction directly after. Phase 1 is everything but the buildings.

- George Samonas 6012 Weeping Rock Drive, asks did the trail move? Ms. Hugh replies it is in the same location. Mr. Samonas asks if there will be any divider? Ms. Hugh states right now there is no fencing planned but there will be landscaping.
- Ms. Hugh & Ms. Ault suggested weeping rock residents let them know if they prefer screening landscaping or landscaping that delineates their property from park property before the next meeting.

Discussion Regarding 2017 Grant Applications

- Bale Kenyon will be built into Alum Creek State Park this year
- The Shores and Parkshore has not had access to any of the trails
- Applying for grant for trail section along Lewis Center Road
 - From Bale Kenyon Road, along Lewis Center Road to Waukeegan Avenue
- Grant will get points for working with Alum Creek State Park, Army Corps of Engineers and Delaware County.
- Area is on masterplan - will get immediate impact
- This is the first of three phases
 - Second phase will be Waukeegan Ave to the beach
 - Third phase will be from the beach to Lewis Center
- Apply in 2017 for construction in 2018

Future meeting discussion

Ms. Ault proposed the park board meet once a month

Vote: Barrett Ault - yes, Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Brian Hock - yes, Marla Gileath - yes

Mr. Hock proposed the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm

Vote: Jennifer Keck - yes, Mo Orsatti - yes, Brian Hock - yes, Marla Gileath - yes, Barrett Ault - yes

2017 Events Discussion

- This item was tabled to next month.
- Each member to bring a list of events and ideas of things they would like to accomplish

Discussion Regarding Memorial Opportunities

- Need menu of items residents can purchase/sponsor through the township for park benefit in memory of and also in honor of
- There should be three options at different price points
 - Tree with plaque
 - Bench
 - Veterans Memorial brick
- Cost should include a certain amount of maintenance - for installation and repair or replacement
- Alzheimer's Association would like to have a memory lane area - would need trees and benches
- Possible locations:
 - Glen Oak, Walker Wood, and North Road Park - trees with plaques
 - Veterans Memorial - brick or bench
 - Existing trail or park for memory lane - trees with plaques and benches.
- Process for something specific that is not included in guidelines

Discussion Regarding Future Park Opportunities/Projects/Land Available/Funding

- Township owned land that needs developed
 - Corner piece
 - Five acres at Olentangy Crossings and Rail Timber Way

Public comments

- There were no comments from the public.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Barrett Ault

Jenifer Keck

Mo Orsatti

Brian Hock

Marla Gileath

Alternate