

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the Brownstown Township Hall, 21313 Telegraph Road, on Thursday, February 4, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bryan, Barbee, Grady, McCoy, Oaks, St. Louis, and Recreation Director Maxe.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of St. Louis, supported by Grady, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2010 as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Barbee, supported by Oaks, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of February 4, 2010. All voting aye.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP FEEDBACK: The Lawn Maintenance and Athletic Equipment bids are due back on February 23rd and expected to be placed on the Township Board agenda for approval at the first meeting in March. Maxe is managing, with difficulty, the reduced staffing in his department.

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: Hall rental numbers are about the same as last year. Currently, three churches are reserving the halls on Sundays through August. They make great tenants, do not make much mess, are very easy to deal with, and always pay their bill.

2010 WINTER PROGRAMS: Members reviewed the attached summary of 2010 Winter Program registrations to date. Daddy/Daughter date night is up to 148 registrations already. The preschool reading programs are now four full sessions with only one spot remaining. Youth basketball program has two more weekends left. Some complaints were received where one basketball team is much better than the others. Maxe explained the teams are not "stacked" it is just the way this year worked out. Swim lessons are full for the first session and the competitive swim program is also doing well. Flyers announcing the Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th and Softball Registration on March 1st and 2nd went out to all schools today.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS PARK DEVELOPMENT: The grant agreement is still not signed by Wayne County but is on the agenda to approve at their first meeting in February. Maxe will have to rebid the project after it is signed, because he did not follow County minority hiring guidelines and mail bid packets to their list of qualified contractors. It is unbelievable how long this process takes.

2010 YOUTH T-BALL/SOFTBALL RULES: Members reviewed the 2010 Youth T-Ball/Softball rules. Maxe received no complaints or problems from last year, and no recommendations were given by the Athletic Coordinator about any changes needed. Oaks asked what training instructions are given to coaches. Maxe explained he has meetings, videos, internet resources, and the adult softball umpires are also available to answer questions. Bryan requested the alteration of uniform penalties to be added to the rules; no writing, no cutting, or alterations to the uniform, or the player will need to purchase another shirt in a similar color. Elastic sleeve holders can be used.

Maxe has not heard if we can retain our Athletic Coordinator or not but hopes to find that out in the very near future and will let members know.

Motion of McCoy, supported by Grady, to approve and adopt the 2010 Youth T-Ball/Softball Rules with the addition of the penalties for altering uniforms. All voting aye.

TOWNSHIP CAMPUS PLAN: Maxe and Bryan went to the Campus Development Plan meeting a few weeks ago. It is time to go the next level and transfer from the concept plan to the working plan for preparation of the contract documents. LSL Planning, who did the original concept plan, is not able to do the next step because of licensing issues and wanted to forward the task to another company. It was decided to request approval from the DDA for Wade/Trim to take over the project. The DDA is also considering bonding the project to complete it in one phase. If the baseball diamonds are put in soon it is possible to use them next year, the grass must take before being played on.

OTHER BUSINESS: Daddy/Daughter Date night is Friday, February 12, 2010. St. Louis will assist Maxe at the event. A photographer will be there to take pictures for a fee if people want them. If any members would like to help please stop by; there are two sessions, 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. and 7:45 to 9:00 p.m.

Softball/T-ball registration will be at 6:00 p.m. on March 1st and 2nd. Grady will help Maxe at the Community Center on Monday and Barbee on Tuesday; Bryan and McCoy will work at Hunter Elementary on Monday.

Maxe reported that the News Herald reporting of the Township programs is getting better and being changed every week.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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