

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Parks and Recreation Commission was held at the Brownstown Township Community Center, 21311 Telegraph Road, on Thursday, August 5, 2010 following the 2010 T-Ball/Softball Awards. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan at 7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: None

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of St. Louis, supported by Barbee, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of June 3, 2010 as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Grady, supported by McCoy, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of August 5, 2010 as submitted. All voting aye.

T-BALL/SOFTBALL PROGRAM: Maxe reported that he has had some issues with the T-Ball program and coaches not following the game rules and he thinks adult umpires are needed to enforce the rules. He also would like to mandate one practice per week from May 1st until the start of games in June. The game schedule could be changed to have two games each night to make it profitable for the adult umpires.

Motion by Oaks, supported by Grady, to approve to change the T-Ball rules to mandate one practice per week prior to the start of games, to hire adult umpires, and to make the rules available on the Township website. All voting aye.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP FEEDBACK:

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: Members reviewed the attached Community Center update along with the summary of Showmobile and shelter rentals which have been very good this year.

PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

WOODLAND HEIGHTS PARK DEVELOPMENT: The bids for the Woodland Heights Park development are due back August 24th and Maxe will submit his recommendation to Commissioners at the September meeting and then send to the Township Board for final approval at the September 7th meeting.

TOWNSHIP CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT: The Campus development project is moving forward and Maxe has received early architectural drawings for the event barn, picnic shelter, maintenance building, concession stands, and restroom buildings. There are some DNR issues with wetlands and plant species on the site across King Road and Maxe is waiting for their formal response. He expects the issues to be settled in a month or two. It was decided to use field turf for the softball diamonds and the soccer fields, so if the project is a little late in getting started it should not delay the entire project.

CAPITAL PARK: The DDA has approved funding to update the playground and equipment at Capital Park which also will include an asphalt trail. The project is expected to begin soon.

2010 SUMMER PROGRAMS: Maxe received quite a large a bill from the Gibraltar school district for custodial and security services for the summer swim program. There has not been a charge in the past, but the district is updating their policies and Maxe had been informed there might be a “nominal” fee. The School Board will be meeting soon to address the issue and Maxe expects to hear a decision on the bill by next week. If the cost is too much he will have to hold more programs at the Woodhaven schools.

Chairperson Bryan remarked that at Chatham Park near Springate Subdivision, the grass is not being cut in the area adjacent to Vreeland Road and wanted to know if it was the Township’s responsibility to maintain. Maxe informed him that the property north and east of the drain was sold and is no longer the Township’s responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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