

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2012**

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, January 5, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Wright

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of St. Louis, supported by Barbee, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of December 1, 2011 with the correction under "Township Campus" the grant is a Wayne County grant (not DNR) and the elimination of the second sentence under "Breakfast with Santa". All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Grady, supported by McCoy, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of January 5, 2012 as submitted. All voting aye.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP FEEDBACK: Maxe gave a brief summary of the Joint Work Session for those unable to attend. There didn't seem to be any negative feedback from residents, though it was rumored that there would be.

Members discussed the opposition from the Mobile home park that is near where the softball diamonds will be placed.

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: Read and file.

WAYNE COUNTY YOUTH GRANT: Maxe confirmed that the \$10,000 Wayne County Pass grant and the \$40,000 Wayne County Parks grant are being awarded. A question was raised about the Parks grant about why the money was not being used in the South end, where Downtown Development Authority funds can not be used. Maxe explained that because the funds are being returned by other communities that were not able to use them according to the guidelines, the invoices/receipts for the work must be turned in by July or the money reverts back to the County. This means the work would have to be 100% complete by then. Since the process of gaining bids and approvals takes so long and because the spring weather is so unpredictable, this money would need to be used for a project that is already underway. His plan is to contribute the funds toward the Campus projects that will be completed by the deadline and then request equal funding from the DDA for something that will qualify for DDA funds. Maxe further explained that by using the grant this way, chances for being awarded future grants will be increased.

PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: The old bus garage should be removed the first week in February. The drain relocation must be completed prior to March 1, 2012, permits are in place and it must be done before the "wet season". It has been estimated that it can be completed in as little as three days.

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2012 WINTER PROGRAMS: At least one new registration a day is being received on-line and over 20 during the Christmas holiday. There were no real issues during the first two weeks of Youth Basketball. This year we are running three games at a time instead of four, two in the main gym and full court in the auxiliary gyms.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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