

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 4, 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, October 4, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: None

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of St. Louis, supported by Grady, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of September 6, 2012 with correction to remove Oaks as being present at the meeting. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Barbee, supported by McCoy, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of October 4, 2012 as submitted. All voting aye.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

TOWNSHIP FEEDBACK: None

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: The Community Center update was attached for members review. Maxe has DDA money to spend next year and has yet to decide how to allocate the funds he will be receiving.

PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

TOWNSHIP CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT: The roof is on the Event Barn, most of the stonework is complete, and the sidewalks and roadway have been “cut-in”. People have already called wanting to rent the facility, but Maxe wants to wait until it is closer to completion in January before renting. The Fire Chief will re-measure the Barn for fire code occupancy limits then Maxe will set the rental rates.

The playground moving date has been pushed back a little. Wade Trim has just finished staking out the area. The old equipment will be moved across King Road and the splash pad put in its place with that staking to be done this year. The new playground equipment is to be installed in pods around the campus. The playground shelter is complete.

GIBRALTAR SCHOOL BUILDING USE: After the School Board Committee meeting that members attended on August 7th, the School Building Use request was on the School Board consent agenda the following Tuesday. There was a recommendation from their Committee to make no changes to the School Building Use Policy. Without any discussion, the Board approved the Committee’s recommendation. Maxe spoke with the Superintendent and found that the Committee would have had to recommend a change for the School Board to vote on it. Maxe also contacted Boller who said it appears the Board has no interest to make any changes at this time. Wright wondered how they could not take action on a request from the public.

The City of Gibraltar has agreed to hold a couple of adult exercise programs at their Community Center for the winter session that will allow Brownstown residents to attend without residency fees. We will reciprocate by not charging their residents additional residency fees for some of our programs. This information will be placed in the next Recreation Program newsletter.

Maxe reported that the vacant Fountain Home office building would require major renovations before it could be used for any programs and he has not located any other suitable buildings. Other possible locations to use, including Patio Market and unoccupied units near the Kroger store on Gibraltar Road, were discussed. Maxe will check with the Building Department about available vacant stores in the area that could possibly be used.

2012 FALL PROGRAMS: Read and file

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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