

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSTOWN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Brownstown Parks and Recreation Commission was held immediately following the Township Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Brownstown Township Community Center, 21311 Telegraph Road, on Thursday, December 6, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan at 7:10 p.m.

PRESENT: Bryan, Barbee, Grady, McCoy, St. Louis, and Wright. Also in attendance was Recreation Director Maxe.

MINUTE APPROVAL: Motion of Grady, supported by McCoy, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission minutes of November 1, 2012 as submitted. All voting aye.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion of Barbee, supported by St. Louis, to approve the Parks and Recreation Commission agenda of December 6, 2012. All voting aye.

INFORMATION ITEMS

TOWNSHIP FEEDBACK: The 2013 Budget was approved and attached for review. Most of the numbers are the same as last year. A new item in the Budget is for the application of seal-coating to the Woodruff Road bike path.

COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE: The Community Center update was attached for members to review. A written request from the International Peace and Conflict Center to be recognized as a community service group in Brownstown was received this week and Maxe distributed a copy for discussion. He does not see the group as a "Brownstown" community service group because, even though they have a Brownstown address, the benefits of their organization help people in other areas and overseas and not within our community. If their work begins to benefit local area residents, their request could be reconsidered.

Chairperson Bryan surrendered his chair position to Vice-Chairperson St. Louis in order to make a motion on the request.

Motion of Bryan, supported by Grady, to deny the request of the International Peace and Conflict Center to be recognized as a Brownstown Community Service Organization. All voting aye.

PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

TOWNSHIP CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT: The Thorn Park playground equipment has been moved and reassembled across King Road. Access is now through the Prairie Creek Subdivision and the park will serve the residents of the subdivision, the adjacent apartments, and the mobile home park. There will be additional new playground equipment installed in the park to replace it. The contractors are in the process of putting in the underground utilities for the Splash Park. They accidentally dug up and cut the cable line twice, the gas line once, and cut some electrical lines so that Maxe had to reroute some of the Christmas lighting. Bryan inquired where the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year due to the construction. Maxe replied that he is planning on using the softball diamonds for that event.

It does not appear that the Event Barn will be completed by January as the roof is still not complete and there is no floor; but, it is coming along. The curbs are all in, the police monument arch walls are halfway done and you can now see the area layout. The stone mason is still working on the front marquee but should not take too much longer.

2012 FALL PROGRAMS: Read and file.

2013 WINTER PROGRAMS: The newsletter went out in the mail today. Maxe has added a new section to inform residents of additional Fitness Programs through the City of Gibraltar Parks and Recreation and their contact information.

Maxe reminded members to be at the Breakfast with Santa event by 8:00 a.m. and to purchase any tickets they may need for their families as the event is almost sold out.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bryan brought up that the name of the park that is listed on the Fire Station #3 sign under the marquee is incorrect. He suggested that the name of the park on the sign be changed from Gibraltar Park to the correct name of Fort-Gib Park as it is platted. Maxe replied that he had inquired and complained about this already and was informed that there was no money left in the Fire Station #3 renovation budget to replace it. He estimates that it would cost about \$1,500 for new sign panels.

Motion of McCoy, supported by Wright, to forward a request to the Township Board for the correct park name of "Fort-Gib Park" to be placed on the sign. All voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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