

**Charter Township of Comstock
Parks & Recreation Commission**
Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Linda Law, Judy Joling, Teresa Young, John Weir, Sharon Spears
Staff Present: Vanessa Street, Parks Director and Rachel Hopkins, Parks Program Coordinator
2 Citizens in attendance:

Call to Order by Chairperson, Linda Law

1. Review of the Minutes from March 13, 2017:

Motion by Weir/support from Spears to accept Minutes with changes (7c. motion by Joling, adding "see attached" to 7b and 7e subtitles, and adding "at Robert Morris Park" to motion in 7b.)
Motion to approve Minutes with changes as noted above: 5 Yes/ 0 No

2. Bills Payable:

Motion by Weir/support from Spears to approve Bills payable as presented.
Motion to approve Bill Payable: 5 Yes/0 No

3. Correspondence: None

4. Citizen's Comments: None

5. Request for Agenda Adjustments: None

6. Reports:

- a. Parks Director:** Provided to Commissioners in Board packets
- b. Treasurer:** Report provided in packets
- c. Commission Chair:**

Chairperson Linda Law provided the following Comstock Township Board information:

- On May 11 at 7 P.M. there will be a joint Township and Planning Committee meeting regarding medical marijuana and proposed state legislation. Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
- Dave Camburn replaced Art Austin, who resigned from the Comstock Township Board.
- A \$300,000 grant to build an adult daycare center near the Comstock Community Center but on P& Rec land has been offered, according to Mary Gustas, Comstock Community Center Executive Director. Consultation with the P&Rec Commission needs to take place and any land deed restriction(s) need to be reviewed.
- New street lights along the H Ave.-to-East Main segment of Sprinkle Road will be installed.

Other:

- Thanks are extended to Parks Director Vanessa Street for P&Rec news provided in the recent Comstock Communicator.
- Chairperson Linda Law registered to attend an MSU-Outreach presentation on Protecting Michigan Lakes and Rivers from Invasive Species at MSU's W. K. Kellogg Biological Station, Gull lake on April 11, 2017

7. Business:

a. AED Units

Because emergency response times to our parks can range from 8-10 minutes, Parks Director Vanessa Street requested the purchase of two AED units, one to be located at Robert Morris Park and one to be located at the Wenke Softball Complex. Units will be housed inside the concession buildings, accessible to staff. Signage will note AED location. Park staff are already trained in CPR and AED use. These units are expected to last for 8 years, and are the same type purchased by other Comstock Township groups.

Motion by Spears /support from Joling to approve the purchase of two AED units for a total of \$2644.80. Motion to approve purchase of the two AED units: 5 Yes/ 0 No

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b. Facebook Follow Up

The planned follow up demonstration was tabled until the next meeting.

c. Robert Morris Park Parking Lot & Entrance Drive

Chairperson Linda Law discussed the need for repair of the parking lot and entrance drive with the Township Supervisor and Superintendent. Costly repairs cannot be covered in the current budget. Estimates for the repairs will be sought.

d. Fishing Deck Discussion

Commissioner Teresa Young provided printed information from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources covering invasive species (esp. baitfish), fishing laws, goose problems (relates to fecal coliform levels in water) and associated control measures for review/consideration.

Public concerns/comments and possible remedies (incomplete) from the February 13, 2017 public input meeting were shared in a table format by Teresa Young for Parks & Rec Commission consideration and input. Concerns involving the general use of the park and visitor monitoring – within and off-season - will be grouped as a combined topic set for follow up.

e. Other

- Chairperson Linda Law reminded the Commission of the Comstock Community Fundraiser “Ready-Set-Grow” on May 4, from 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. at River Street Flowerland.
- Commissioner John Weir noted that Celery Street Park looks in need of wood chips.
- Commissioner John Weir extended a ‘Thank You’ to Parks Director Vanessa Street for the recycling effort at the softball fields and Robert Morris Park.

8. Announcements: None

The meeting adjourned at 8: 20 P.M. The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 8 at 7 P.M. (note: Commissioners should visit the Jan Schau Wildflower Walk, River Villa Preserve, and the Community Garden on their own time before the meeting).

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Young, Secretary