

**Charter Township of Comstock
Parks & Recreation Commission**
Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Linda Law, John Weir, Sharon Spears, Teresa Young, Judy Joling
Staff Present: Vanessa Street, Parks Director, and Rachel Hopkins, Parks Program Coordinator
Citizens in attendance: 1

Call to Order by Chairperson, Linda Law

1. Review of the Minutes from April 10, 2017:

Motion by Joling/support from Spears to accept Minutes as presented with changes (clarify wording on 6.c., 4th bullet, point to: "New street lights along the H Ave.-to-East Main segment of Sprinkle Road will be installed.")

Motion to approve Minutes: 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:

- A meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 11, 2017 with Commissioner Linda Law, Parks Director Vanessa Street, the Comstock Township Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk and Planner to discuss capital improvements regarding needed park security and parking lot improvements.
- A meeting is being planned with Commissioner Linda Law and Midlink's Rob Britigan to discuss a possible parcel use/trade request.
- Commissioner Linda Law attended the MSU-Outreach presentation on protecting Michigan Lakes and Rivers from Invasive Species presentation on April 11, 2017 and shared information from the event with the Commission (Commissioner Teresa Young noted she also attended).
- The Parks & Recreation Commission 2017 Park Visit Schedule will follow the original plan.

7. Business:

a. Facebook Follow Up

Parks Coordinator Rachel Hopkins presented the new Comstock Township Parks & Recreation Facebook page site, described its features and demonstrated its use. The site has been visited by many since its debut.

b. Park Visit Discussion – Jan Schau Wildflower Walk, River Villa Preserve, Community Garden

Commissioners visited the 1) Jan Schau Wildflower Walk, the 2) River Villa Preserve, and the 3) Community Garden prior to the meeting.

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Suggestions were offered to enhance the parks:

For the Jan Schau Wildflower Walk and River Villa Preserve:

- a.) have contiguous mowed pathways that are not dead-ends
- b.) create signage that shows one's location based on path mapping (Commissioner Teresa Young suggested that item b. might be a good scouting project. Commissioner Law will follow up with the local scouting group).
- c.) remove downed trees over paths here and there; remove tires, debris
- d.) have a pamphlet, for example, to identify wildflowers

For the Community Garden: no suggestions.

The community garden is being readied. Use starts after Mother's Day, May 14, 2017.

c. Fishing Deck Discussion

Commissioner Linda Law reviewed some of the citizen concerns from the February 13, 2017 meeting. Follow up is continuing.

Parks Director Vanessa Street noted that signage regarding bait disposal (per FO 245.16) was available from the DNR.

A citizen in attendance noted that serious fishermen fish off-hours.

Note the July 10, 2017 Comstock Township Parks & Recreation meeting will be held at Robert Morris Park.

d. Other

Commissioner Linda Law requested to be kept informed about progress on an adult day care center proposal near/on Comstock Township P&Rec land.

8. Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 12. Commissioners are to meet at 6:30 P.M. at the Wenke Softball Complex. The meeting will follow at the Wenke Softball Complex Pavilion at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioners should also visit Fleetwood Park and Green Meadow Park on their own time before the June 12 meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Young, Secretary