

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
OCTOBER 9, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairperson Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called.

ROLL CALL:

Rhonda Grubb
Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison
Merrie Carlock, Chairperson

Absent:

Alexandra Schillack

Also Present:

Andrew Littman, Staff Planner
Kelly Lang, Secretary for the Supervisor
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Member Voorheis, seconded by Member Grubb to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 11, 2024

MOTION by Member Grubb, seconded by Member Voorheis to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried with voice vote: (3 yes votes).

CALL TO PUBLIC

Steve Woodard, 953 Schuyler, requested information regarding the Stanley Park construction bidding process.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Final preparations for Trunk-or-Treat - October 19, 2024

Ms. Lang said she was looking for more high school age volunteers. Over 40 trunks are participating and 17 CERT members helping with the parking lot. The White Lake Township Police Foundation donated \$1,000.00 towards the event to purchase more candy. The Historical Society is manning the hot dog

station, The Lions Club is helping out with donuts and cider. Two Port-a-johns were donated by Terry Vickers from On-Time Portables.

B. Discussion: Parks & Recreation grants

Staff Planner Littman discussed the Parks and Recreation budget for new projects. Based on the budget, there will not be significant funds available for grant matching in 2025, but there should be revenue in 2026-2027. The main expense in the budget is related to the Phase One Stanley Park improvements. Member Carlock wanted to look at pathways around Bogie Lake Road or pathways around the new Civic Center site. She suggested looking into a BLOCK grant. Ms. Lang said grants have been submitted to the HVS School District, and but the grants need to be initiated by the district, and no action has not been taken at this time.

Staff Planner Littman spoke to Supervisor Kowall, and was inspired by Supervisor's Kowall vision of a splash pad/farmer's market pavilion.

Member Carlock suggested pursuing pathway and trail grants. There were suggestions of a walking mileage path at Hidden Pines Park and an open pavilion similar to Hawley Park's. Enclosed port-a-johns and a water fountain for Hidden Pines Park was suggested.

Member Carlock said the Committee is also interested in acquisition grants for property that could be used for parks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Carlock stated she liked the revised Parks & Recreation logo.

STAFF REPORT

Staff Planner Littman said he asked Supervisor Kowall about the size of the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Supervisor Kowall was in favor of adding one or two additional members to the Committee. Several residents were suggested to reach out to see if they have an interest in joining.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Member Communications

Member Carlock shared her experience at the Hess Hathaway Harvest Festival.

The Civic Center's ground-breaking is scheduled for October 24, 2024, at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

A. NEXT MEETING DATE: November 13, 2024

MOTION by Member Voorheis seconded by Member Grubb to adjourn at 7:36 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).