

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
October 8, 2018**

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the Feiger Room at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI.

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Chris DeGood, , Denise Schmuckal, Fern Spence, James Guilmet, and Valarie Handy.

Absent and Excused: Chris Remy, Dale Majerczyk

Others Present: Rob Larrea & Erik Perdonik

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest

Schmuckal moved and DeGood seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Schmuckal, DeGood, Spence, Guilmet, and Handy

Nays: None

2. Minutes

a. September 10, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

DeGood moved and Schmuckal seconded for to approve the September 10, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Yeas: DeGood, Schmuckal, Majerczyk, Spence, Handy, and Guilmet

Nays: None

3. Correspondence

a. Conservation District Report

4. Reports (7:00)

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Schmuckal informed the commission of Township Board activities and discussed the concern regarding the sediment in the Boardman River from the dam closures.

Staff Report

Larrea reported that the Township will be seeking another extension from the MDNR for the BVNP Improvements. He added that the Conservation District Staff will be assisting in the seasonal removal of the Kayak Launch to be stored at the Templeton Barn (River East). Planning Director Larrea informed the Parks and Recreation Commission that he will be taking a job as the Village Manager of Suttons Bay and has submitted his resignation. The Commission thanked Larrea for all his work with the Parks Commission.

5. Business to Come Before the Commission

a. PD 2018-101 Potential Parkland Acquisition

Larrea explained that the Township has been approached about the potential acquisition of four different parcels which might have the potential to be an addition to the Township's parks system. He stated that the purpose of discussing the potential acquisition of the parcels at this time was to seek a recommendation from Commissioners as to which of the parcels should be pursued, from a parks and recreation and conservation standpoint. He noted that any discussion regarding these potential acquisitions are in the very preliminary stages, and that no dollar figures have been seriously discussed.

The commission discussed each proposed purpose to determine their value to the parks system. The commission stated that each parcel would be a valuable addition to the Township Parks.

Move by DeGood seconded by Spence to amend the township's parks plan to list all four parcels as targeted acquisitions, citing the fact the board "determined that they all have relevant value to park opportunities in Garfield Township".

Yeas: DeGood, Spence, Schmuckal, Handy, Guilmet

Nays: None

a. PD 2018-102 Landscaping Service for SLRA Buffer

Larrea noted that at the September 10, 2018 meeting the commission recommended a planting of "an effective landscape buffer" where the trees and brush had been cleared at the Silver Lake Park. Larrea asked the commission to make a recommendation on what they would like to see as well as a budget amount to request.

Move by DeGood, seconded by Spence to allocate up to \$5000 for the purchase of 6 or more pines to be planted within the buffer area at the Silver Lake Recreation Area.

*Yeas: DeGood, Spence, Schmuckal, Handy, Guilmet
Nays: None*

6. **Public Comment (6:50)**

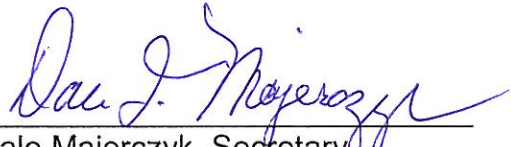
None

7. **Items For Next Agenda**

Boardman River Sediment Discussion
Budget 2019

8. **Adjournment**

Handy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.



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