

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
December 11, 2017**

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Remy called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684.

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Fern Spence, Chris DeGood, Dale Majerczyk, Valarie Handy, and Chris Remy
Absent and Excused: Alisa Korn and Denise Schmuckal

Staff Present: Rob Larrea & Erik Perdonik

The commission heard a presentation from Chris Kushman, TART Planner on the proposed continuation of the Buffalo Ridge Trail. Kushman stated that they were looking at two possibilities—from Creekside Dr. to Zimmerman Road (1.4 miles) and Westchester Commons to the South side of Silver Lake Drive (1.3 miles). Kushman stated that they hoped construction would begin in the spring of 2019. Spence asked if TART has collaborated with Safe Routes to School.

1. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflict of Interest (6:05)

The Agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Minutes (6:05)

a. November 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Majerczyk moved and Handy seconded for to approve the November 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

*Yeas: Majerczyk, Spence, DeGood, Handy, Remy
Nays: None*

b. November 13, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes

Spence moved and DeGood seconded to approve the November 13, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

*Yeas: Majerczyk, Spence, DeGood, Handy, Remy
Nays: None*

3. Correspondence (6:03)

a. Correspondence from Julie Clark-Boardman Lake Loop Grant Awards

4. Reports (6:04)

Tom Vitale Conservation District Report

Vitale reported that two Bollards were damaged at the Commons and needed to be replaced at a cost of \$600. Tom is hoping to have these purchased this fiscal year. Tom added that he met with Matt Miller from the Human Nature School which has a lease on the Ransom property.

He stated that the Kids Creek Connector Trail has been completed and he has been talking with West Middle School about more signage for the trail as well as the Grist Mill.

Lastly, that the viewing platform has been completed at Miller Creek along with the boardwalk and placement of benches.

Commissioner Reports: No report

Staff Report: No report

5. **Business to Come Before the Commission**

a. **PD 2017-115 Public Hearing 2018-2023 Draft Parks and Recreation Plan.**

Public Hearing Opened at 6:35 p.m. Valarie Handy shared email correspondence from George Ryan Holton, Garfield Township and introduced it for the record. Mr. Holton's email addressed 1) allowing alcohol for some events in the parks, 2) fencing on athletic fields and the 3) the YMCA property.

Hearing no further public comments the public hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m. Commission member Majerczyk noted that he was surprised that there were no members of the public in the audience.

Majerczyk moved and Handy seconded that Resolution # 2017-01-PR to RECOMMEND THAT the Charter Township of Garfield Board of Trustees ADOPT the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan attached to PD Report 2017-115 BE ADOPTED.

*Roll Call Vote: Handy-Yes, Majerczyk-Yes, Spence-Yes, DeGood-Yes, Remy-Yes
Nays: None*

b. **2018 Proposed Meeting Dates (6:45 pm)**

The 2018 proposed meeting dates were presented. It was noted that the January meeting would take place the second Monday of the month as New Years Day falls on the 1st, and all others the 1st Monday of each Month keeping the meeting time at 6:00 p.m..

Handy moved and Spence seconded to adopt the 2018 meeting dates as presented.

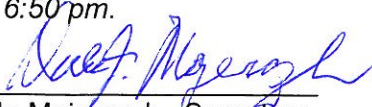
*Yeas: Handy, DeGood, Majerczyk, Spence, Remy
Nays: None*

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

8. **Items For Next Agenda (6:50)**

9. **Adjournment**

Handy moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.


Dale Majerczyk, Secretary
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