

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
January 7, 2019**

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Fern Spence, James Guilmet, Chris DeGood, Chris Remy & Bill Scott

Absent and Excused: Denise Schmuckal, Valarie Handy

Staff Present: Erik Perdonik, John Sych

1. **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair DeGood called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.
2. **Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflicts of Interest**
Add Hickory Hills Request as 6.A. under Business to Come Before the Commission

Remy moved and Spence seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott
Nays: None
3. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes November 5, 2018**
Spence moved and Remy seconded to adopt the minutes of November 5, 2018 as presented.

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott
Nays: None
4. **Correspondence – Conservation District Report**
Tom Vitale of GTCD made a report. Trails are being groomed at Silver Lake Park. There has been good feedback on this effort. Discussed graffiti on trees at the Commons. Work is being done on trail signage at the Commons. West Middle School students will be looking to do a project at Kids Creek Park this year.
5. **Reports**
 - a. **Commissioner Reports**
None
 - b. **Staff Report**
None

Introduction of Bill Scott as new Parks and Recreation Commissioner and John Sych as new Planning Director.
6. **Business to Come Before the Commission**
 - a. **Hickory Hills Request**

Mac McClelland of Preserve Hickory presented a request for Township contribution to the Master Plan to make Hickory Hills more sustainable. The effort is to expand Hickory Hills to make it a four season family. This is a last-in request to Garfield.

Fern Spence questioned about a buffer between Hickory Hills and Hickory Meadows. Tom Vitale said there has been ongoing collaboration between them both to protect Hickory Meadows from the developed areas of Hickory Hills. There may be minimal funds in the Joint Recreation Authority for the buffer in its annual budget. There was question whether the trees are necessary for the parking lot area. Site plan approval requires tree plantings in the parking lot. Bill Scott questioned what the source would be for the request should it be approved. Staff replied that the 2019 budget for Parks and Recreation has already been approved and is roughly \$200,000.

Remy moved and Spence seconded to recommend that to the Township Board consideration of the Hickory Hills request..

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott
Nays: None

b. PD 2018-124 2018 Annual Report

Erik Perdonik provided an overview of the Annual Report. He noted that the recent grant application to the MDNR Trust Fund was denied. Scoring for the application did not hit high enough. DeGood agreed that it will most likely not score high enough again and that we should look at what the Township can fund for the park property. Then in future applications there may be improved scoring for the property. Other locations should also be considered.

Remy moved and Scott moved that PD Report 2018-124 2018 Annual Report be received and filed.

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott

Nays: None

c. PD 2018-125 PRC Priorities and Amending the 2018-2023 Parks Plan.

Review by Erik Perdonik of the process to amend the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Approval process would be the same as when the Plan was adopted. Consideration tonight is to get the amendment process started. There was discussion regarding the map of various property locations.

Spence moved and Remy seconded to RECOMMEND THAT the Charter Township of Garfield 2018-2023 Parks and Recreation Master Plan BE AMENDED in accordance with DNR procedure to include the five new potential acquisition properties discussed by this Commission at their October 2018 Regular Meeting.

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott
Nays: None

d. Certificate of Appreciation

Remy moved and Spence seconded to present Dale Majerczyk with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott
Nays: None

e. Election of Officers

The following slate of officers was proposed: Handy, Chair; DeGood, Vice-Chair; and Remy, Secretary.

Spence moved and Guilmet seconded to appoint the slate of Officers as presented.

Yeas: Remy, Spence, Guilmet, DeGood & Scott
Nays: None

7. Public Comment

None

8. Items for Next Agenda

Next meeting will be held April 8, 2019

9. Adjournment

DeGood moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm.



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