

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
September 10, 2018**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 6:03pm at the Silver Lake Recreation Area, 1785 East Silver Lake Road, Traverse City, MI 49684.

**Roll Call of Commission Members:**

Present: Chris DeGood, Chris Remy, Dale Majerczyk, Denise Schmuckal, Fern Spence, James Guilmet, and Valarie Handy

Absent and Excused:

Others Present: Rob Larrea, Erik Perdonik, Tom Vitale

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

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, DeGood, Remy, Spence, Guilmet, and Handy  
Nays: None*

**2. Minutes**

**a. June 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes**

*Schmuckal moved and Majerczyk seconded for to approve the June 4, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Majerczyk, Spence, Remy, DeGood, Handy, and  
Guilmet  
Nays: None*

**3. Correspondence**

a. None

**4. Reports (7:00)**

**Tom Vitale Conservation District Report**

Vitale submitted his report in writing

**Commissioner Reports**

Handy reported that the Recreational Authority is currently conducting a survey on the public's vision for the future of the Recreation Authority and suggested that Commissioners take the survey.

## Staff Report

Larrea reported that preliminary scores for the recent MNRTF grant submittal for the River East Recreation Area will be available soon.

### 5. Business to Come Before the Commission

#### a. **PD 2018-96 Silver Lake Recreation Area Discussion-On Site**

Commissioners reexamined the land along the park's East Silver Lake Road frontage that was largely cleared of foliage recently, apart from some healthy trees. Commissioners discussed whether a "Type C" buffer was still appropriate, providing landscape buffering for the single family residences that face the front of the park, and providing a more ornamental layout along the remainder of the frontage that was cleared.

*Handy moved and Majerczyk seconded THAT the planting of an effective landscape buffer which does not obscure the fire station's clear vision, not a "Type C" buffer, along the portion of the park's East Silver Lake Road frontage across from the residences be planted, with native grass planted along the entire length of the cleared area, and ornamental landscaping beyond the buffer for the residences BE RECOMMENDED to the Township Board.*

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

Commissioners discussed the circumstances surrounding the clearing of foliage from the park's East Silver Lake Road frontage and possible mechanisms for ensuring that those volunteering to do projects on Township lands remain within a specific scope of work approved by the Township.

*DeGood moved and Handy seconded THAT a policy which requires that a written scope of work for any volunteer work done on Township parklands be submitted to the Township for review and approval prior to the commencement of work BE RECOMMENDED to the Township Board.*

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

Commissioners discussed potential uses for the woodchips left over from the removal of the invasive trees.

*DeGood moved and Majerczyk seconded THAT the leftover woodchips be used by the Conservation District for erosion control, as needed.*

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

Jeanne Rokos of 5018 Silver Pines Road commented on the site of the abandoned disc golf course.

Commissioners discussed possible designs for the trash bin storage areas in the park with Vitale. Commissioners also discussed a possible sidewalk connection between the southernmost pavilion, restrooms, and dog park entrance. Finally, Commissioners discussed a possible well house in place of the existing fenced enclosure.

7. **Items For Next Agenda**

To be determined

8. **Adjournment**

*Handy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm.*

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