

Homestead Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting
Homestead Township Hall
11508 Honor Highway
Honor, MI 49640
February, 2009 at 6:00P.M.

Members present : Denis Rokicki, Pamm Laing, Todd Warren, Don Crossman, Bob Rosa,

Members Absent: Katrina Smith

Others present: Cathy Demitroff

Call to Order : The Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chairman Denis Rokicki

Approval of the Agenda Motion by Warren to approve agenda. **Supported** by Laing.

Welcome new members and brief history of Park & Rec. Committee. A brief history of the committee's activities was presented by Rokicki and Warren.

Election of Officers Rosa suggested to keep officers the same. Warren and Rokicki said they would accept the positions they have held but a replacement for Vice chair Walterhouse would need to be nominated. Laing volunteered for the position. **Motion** Rosa made a motion to elect the following members to the offices. Secretary Todd Warren, Chairman Denis Rokicki ,Vice Chairman Pamm Laing. **Supported** by Warren. **Vote** Support; all Opposed ;none.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 13, 2008. and January 15, 2009 meetings. **Motion** by Rokicki to approve, **supported** by Warren.

2009 Meeting schedule. Members decided to keep the meeting on the 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6pm. During the busy summer months (June-August) meetings will be suspended. Special meeting can be scheduled if issues need to be addressed.

Old Business :

Tribal Grant application . Township Supervisor Demitroff noted that we had not heard from the Tribe regarding our previous application in June 2008.

Skatepark: Warren noted that we had received letters from the Tony Hawk Foundation regarding how to improve our application and the design of the skatepark. Rosa noted that we should keep this project a priority because some of the skaters and their parents may not be around for support if the process takes too long and the current skaters loose interest. Rosa also noted that the price of asphalt may be coming down.

Playground: Rokicki noted that the Eagles will sponsor a 50/50 drawing for park improvements. He also had made contact with some elected officials to seek other grant funding. .

New Business:

Restroom Project: Laing suggested that we should look into new estimates for the restrooms and other projects. She said with the tight economy there may be some better deals available. She also suggested we see if there is a way to collect more from the users of the park.(i.e. the baseball leagues). Rosa also noted that lower prices could be found and offered to do some of the excavating at cost.

Crossman suggested that we look at a more basic design. One that we could get started on with the money the Township already has. He also suggested we see if the Township has some money to add to the project. Rokicki offered to look into this design and to speak with his son who may be able to provide us with some drawing.

Rosa also suggested we look into some portajohns to use until new restrooms are built. Supervisor Demitroff said she would look into the cost for portajohns.

Public Input: Supervisor Demitroff stated that she is concerned that a park maintenance person may not provide enough supervision of the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

The next meeting of the Homestead Township Parks and Recreation Committee will be March 19th, 2009 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted by
Todd Warren