

**Long Lake Township  
Parks & Recreation Committee**

**June 23, 2010**

**Meeting Notes**

*Attendance:* Larry Vanderburg, Bea Houghton, Pug Rundio, Karen Rosa, Trish Mehney.  
*Staff:* Shirley Mesch, Sara Kopriva, Leslie Sickterman.

*Presenters:* Jay Kilpatrick & Russ Clark

*Parks and Recreation Plan Update:* By Jay Kilpatrick & Russ Clark; working on inventory for parks, looking for community input. Updating the 2004 document, parks plan needs to be updated every 5 years. Evaluating our existing plan and working toward direction for the new plan, "where do we go from here"? Russ gave an overview of standard requirements for public involvement and community input options. Estimated time line for new plan; June through September 2010.

Russ presented aerial maps of each park with an inventory of existing amenities. We addressed each park individually; think of needs for each park & uses for open areas. Suggestions for each park as follows:

*Haywood Park:* Discussed uses for open area at the southwest corner; additional parking, picnic tables, pavilion. Expanded parking on the north lot. Revisiting the possibility of charging for organizational use of the ball fields, etc.

*Taylor Park:* Pavilion, changing rooms. Already ADA accessible.

*Gilbert Park:* Better law enforcement for parking issues, not ADA accessible at this time due to road crossing issues, discussion about a boat launch at different location.

*Cedar Run Creek:* Survey & mark boundaries, coordinate with ongoing management plan.

*Bullhead Lake:* Define and mark trails, need parking, platform for viewing and fishing at the lake.

*Fisher's Run:* parking, define and mark trail.

*Crescent Shores:* better parking areas.

*South Long Lake Natural Area:* need for conservation easement, gate path off of Luhr's trail.

DNRE requirements were presented by Russ Clark. Looking to hold a focus workshop for the public to attend on Thursday, August 12, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm here at the Township board meeting room. Input for goals & objectives, schematic park designs optional.

Jay & Russ will provide flyers for this focus workshop, will be sent to individuals via mail and e-mail and placed at the individual parks (where applicable).

Brief update on the progress of the parks map, suggestions to date include; marking park entrances, making roads and road names black rather than green and adding GPS coordinates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trish Mehney