

**LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
June 18, 2015**

MEETING NOTES

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting started at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Those in attendance were: John Cartwright, Keith Johnson, Jim Saunby, Mark Cerny, Shirley Mesch, Pete Zirnhelt, Larry Vanderburg, Jim Carpenter, Randy Stockfisch, Karen Rosa and Trish Mehney.

Randy Stockfisch talked about the ball fields here at Haywood Park. We have had prior meetings concerning moving the older children over to field #3 and having t-ball at field #1 in order to avoid foul balls going into the tot-lot & senior areas. They did not start that this year but will look into it for next summer. They are requesting moving the bases out to 90 feet in order to accommodate an older league (13 & 14 year olds). There really isn't enough room here to consider this idea but we did discuss the possibility of creating a field for the older children at the Timbers Recreation Area in the future. Jim will meet with Randy to look into this possibility. TCAPS field were discussed but Randy said there were too many issues with using these fields. Currently there will be approx. 52 children that will not be able to play next year due to their age unless they can form this new group. John Cartwright mentioned that Randy should check with the Oleson Foundation to see if they could provide any funding for this new field. Karen said she would talk to Matt about the possibility of creating a field at the Timbers. The Parks & Rec committee would support ball fields for older children at the Timbers.

Karen Rosa gave a brief update on the Timbers, the new entrance should be done this fall & we will be working with the Conservancy on a management plan very soon. Mark Cerny was involved with the "clean-up day" at the Timbers and said there was a good turnout. He also asked about the road (needs repair) & Karen mentioned that they were aware of this & were planning improvements.

Randy mentioned that the summer baseball group was very pleased with the new parking areas here at Haywood Park.

Jim Saunby talked about the improvements to the bathrooms, there will also be an ADA compliant bathroom created next to the parking area located next to field #3, we also have a new ADA compliant drinking fountain and water bottle filler here between the two pavilions. John Cartwright asked who will be following up on ball fields at the Timbers & Karen said she would follow up with Matt on this subject.

Pete Zirnhelt reported on South Long Lake Forest Natural Area. He said there are some wet areas on the trails that need attention. He estimates the cost at around \$2500 to complete this project but will come back to us with actual costs to get these filled. Karen said she will have her husband Bill contact him & meet with him & Jim Saunby to look into this. Pete & Keith will get together to see if they can figure out the best way to connect the boundary signs to the existing posts since they are T posts & do not currently have holes in them for the signs to attach to.

Larry met with Steve & Matt from the Conservancy regarding trail issues off Tucker Rd. at the Cedar Run Creek NA & is waiting for them to get back to him with recommendations. Karen said she would follow up with them to see where things stand with working on these trails. We also talked about limiting the number of trails at CRCNA so people visiting the Park do not get confused. Any new trails should be discussed before they are created. One of the Eagle scouts built 3 frames for info on the trails at CRCNA this year & Shirley will work on gathering info/history to put in them. We will work with this group to complete this project. We talked about the Tree Climbing group led by Bo Burke out at CRCNA and decided that we should have the same requirements for him as we do for those that participate in sports here at Haywood Park. I will contact Bo regarding this issue.

John Cartwright suggested we should see if Matt (from the Conservancy) could attend our next meeting so that we could get more information on the Timbers property.

Please remember:

We are now required to have all volunteers fill out a waiver form, which can be found on our website - longlaketownship.com –, or picked up here at our office. If you are currently volunteering or plan to volunteer in our Parks, please fill this form out and drop it off at the Township offices as soon as possible, thank you.

We would like to have another meeting in August (possibly the 19th or 20th) I will send out another e-mail to see which day works best for the majority.

We adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Thank you,
Trish Mehney