

**Springfield Township
Park & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6.33 p.m. by Chairperson Bower at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, Michigan 48350 with members of the public and the Commission onsite in the Conference Room and remotely via phone/video conference per Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Roger Bower

Anne Loncar (attending remotely, Springfield Township, MI)

Dennis Omell

Jean Vallad

Staff Present:

Sarah Richmond

Others Present:

Chris Benedict, IT Administrator

Commissioners Absent:

Diane Baker with Notification

Rich Parke with Notification

Angela Spicer with Notification

IV. AGENDA REVISIONS AND APPROVAL

**Commissioner Vallad moved to proceed with the agenda as presented.
Supported by Commissioner Omell. Roll Call Vote on the motion: Yes:
Bower, Loncar, Omell, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker, Parke, Spicer.
The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.**

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2021 with Additional Disbursements of \$2,974.05 for the Parks & Recreation Fund
- B. Receipt of Activities Report for March
- C. Receipt of Financial Summaries
- D. Receipt of Progress Report for March
- E. Receipt of Natural Resource Manager March Monthly Report
- F. Receipt March Budget Reports

- G. Receipt of Public Engagement Report on 50% Preliminary Engineering & Park Conceptual Plans
- H. Receipt of Email dated 3/22/21 from Supervisor Moreau re: Audit Charge Back

Receipt of Communications

Commissioner Vallad moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Supported by Commissioner Loncar. Roll Call Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker, Parke, Spicer. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Habitat/Safety Mowing Work at Green Lake Park

Commissioner Vallad moved to have Director Richmond hire John Best Habitat Restoration to mow the areas at Green Lake Park as referenced in Director Richmond's memo dated April 8, 2021 at a cost not to exceed \$2500.00. Supported by Commissioner Omell.

Director Richmond stated that this effort will not only help with restoration but will also help with safety issues. She stated that she will be contacting neighbors and also posting signage to make residents aware of the mowing project.

Roll Call Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker, Parke, Spicer. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

B. Update on Fall & Early Winter Events

Director Richmond provided an update to the Commission on planning events for the fall. She explained activities that are planned. She also provided a summary of the successful Easter event that was held. She stated that they will send out postcards to all residents announcing the publication of the brochure which shows all events. This method saves money in printing costs. She reminded the Commissioners of a Taco/Cinco De Mayo Event to be held on May 5, 2021.

Commissioner Vallad stated that the staff has done a good job with event planning.

Director Richmond confirmed that there will not be a large Heritage Festival this year during the pandemic.

IX. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Bills List

Commissioner Omell moved to approve the April bills list totaling \$6947.26. Supported by Chairperson Bower.

Commissioner Omell asked about the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

Director Richmond confirmed that they ran an archery class.

Roll Call Vote on the motion: Yes: Bower, Loncar, Omell, Vallad; No: None; Absent: Baker, Parke, Spicer. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XII. COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Vallad asked how the E-Sports program is going.

Director Richmond stated that they decided to push this program back and have added a date in June too. It will be in the brochure.

Commissioner Omell commented on holding hybrid meeting tonight.

Chairperson Bower commented on the improvement of the Hartman Property.

Director Richmond updated the Commissioners on an upcoming meeting that they have with Carlisle Wortman about a design plan. She updated the Commissioners on a recent meeting held by the Hartman Property Committee and current status of the Hartman Property.

Commissioner Omell asked if there was another access to the Hartman Property.

Director Richmond answered yes, on the northern side. The property is currently closed to the public because they are addressing safety concerns including the culvert. She pointed out the access that residents are using to get on the property. She stated that there have been some trucks that have used Marquoit to access the property to do tree work.

Commissioner Vallad stated that she hopes the residents on Marquoit understand that this is progress that they are making on improving the property.

Director Richmond pointed out the access point for the property. The vehicle access will be off of Marquoit when necessary.

Commissioner Loncar commented that it is a great idea for the Parks Department to work with the Fire Department on signage for the trails. She walked the Hartman Property, and she is impressed with the work being done out there.

Director Richmond explained the sign project with the Fire Department.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vallad moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:03 pm. Supported by Commissioner Omell.