

**WALKER TOWNSHIP
PARK & RECREATION BOARD
Monthly Meeting – October 20, 2015
6:00pm**

Attendance:

Members Present: Deb Zimmerman, Patty Correll, Pam Rogers, Donna Snyder,
Jan McDowell

Members Absent: Cindy Kunes, Cheryl Vonada

Guests: Todd & Susan Holden (Township Residents)
Mitchell Holden (Prospective Eagle Scout)
Alex Genet (Eagle Scout Project)

Staff: Leah Burd

Call to Order: Deb Zimmerman called the October 20, 2015 meeting of the Walker Township Park & Rec Board to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building. Deb led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pam Rogers motioned to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting as presented; motion second by Jan McDowell and approved by all members present.

Agenda Items: Mitchell Holden attended the meeting to discuss an Eagle Scout Project he had proposed to Deb several months ago. Mitchell would like to raise funds to purchase two benches and two trees for the park. Deb provided Mitchell with a copy of the Walker Township Parks & Recreation Sponsorship and Donation Policy to use as a guideline for his project. Deb Zimmerman motioned to approve Mitchell Holden's Eagle Scout Project; motion second by Patty Correll and approved by all members present. Deb stated she would like to have a Township newsletter mailed out this fall that could include information on the Sponsorship and Donation Policy.

Alex Genet reported he completed his Eagle Scout Project and submitted all his paperwork to the Scout Council for approval. Alex marked the walking trail in the park as his project. The Board thanked him for his contribution to the park and will send him a letter of acceptance of the project.

Leah reported on the following action taken at the October Supervisors Meeting in response to items presented in the summary of the Park & Rec September Meeting;

- It was noted that maintenance is needed to the sign posts at Zion Ridgecrest Park;
- The Supervisors agreed to keep the dusk to dawn lights as is in the park. There has been less vandalism since they were installed;
- A motion was passed to start the permitting process to construct a pavilion near the new restrooms.

Guests: There were no additional comments from the guests present.

Old Business:

- Construction has begun on the restroom project. A 24 day time extension was granted to the contractor due to lead time for materials. A change order is in process for additional materials requested by SBWJA. The balance of the WTWA impact fee was paid.
- Bill Workman continues to do landscaping maintenance throughout the park.
- Sponsorship and Donation Policy was discussed, no action was taken.
- Sub Committee on park rules; Deb and Jan both provided pictures of signs recently posted at the Lamar Park listing their park rules. The Board discussed what rules should be included for our park. Additional information will be presented at the November meeting.
- Nothing further to report on lettering for the Wall of Appreciation
- Discussion was held on providing guidelines for future Eagle Scout Projects. It was determined that better communication between the Scout, the Park & Rec Board and the Township is needed and that short term projects should be eliminated. However, the Board agreed flexibility is needed and that each project should be evaluated on a case by case basis.

New Business:

- Todd Holden indicated the Local Boy Scout Troop would place flags in the park for holidays in 2016.
- The Board would like to use the balance of 2015 funds in the activities and park improvement accounts for restroom construction costs pending Supervisor approval.
- Action was tabled on holding a Fall Festival in 2016;
- Patty Correll motioned to approve the meeting dates for 2016 as presented (Third Tuesday of the month except for August and December which would be the second Tuesday); motion second by Donna Snyder and approved by all members present.

Correspondence:

- No action was taken on information received from DCNR regarding applying for grants in 2016.
- Announcement of an upcoming Certified Playground Safety Inspector course was received from PRPS.

The Board discussed plans for the proposed pavilion to be constructed at the soccer fields including the size, whether to include a storage facility and handicapped requirements.

Donna Snyder motioned to adjourn the meeting; motion second by Jan McDowell and approved by all members present. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

NEXT MEETING – November 17th @ 6:00pm