

**PROCEEDINGS OF  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
Marshbank Park Lodge  
2805 Hiller Road  
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48324  
Thursday November 10, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Joe Green,

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Joe Green  
Treasurer Merv Aronoff  
Secretary Robert Brooks  
Commissioner Carol Hack  
Commissioner Paul Karmo  
Commissioner Sally Wenczel

Staff Present: Jennifer Tucker, Executive Director  
Joe Ketchum, Parks Superintendent

Absent: Commissioner Margie Fizman-Kirsch

Public: None

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Treasurer Aronoff and seconded by Commissioner Hack, to approve the agenda.

**Ayes: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**Absent: Commissioner Margie Fizman-Kirsch**  
**Motion Carried, 6-0**

**PRESENTATION BY VORTEX REPRESENTATIVE, MR. COREY ANDERSON**

Vortex made a presentation to the Commission to provide information regarding their Splash Pad products and the potential benefits.

Their spokesman, Corey Anderson explained that a Splash Pad encourages free play, is universally accessible and relatively safe. Vortex spray events do not require a lifeguard as there is no standing water. Standing water requires supervision.

Currently, the Family Aquatic Center uses 260,000 gallons of water whereas a Splash Pad may use 10,000 gallons.

The life expectancy for moving wands (spray cannons) is approximately 15 years. Natural wand colors are best.

The life expectancy of the Splash Pad in general is 12-15 years dependent on the water chemistry.

Vortex warranty is broken down by components with activators being the typical replacement part (solenoid valves).

Typically there is no participant age limit for Splash Pad use.

The Splash Pad would have a 100 day use season which would run from the second week in May through mid-September.

The design process for a splash pad would require about 10 weeks including equipment, bid and permits. The installation period would be at least 5 months.

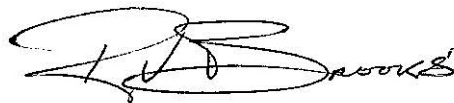
## **PUBLIC FORUM**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Joe Green made a motion to adjourn, and unanimously supported. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Green", with a stylized flourish at the end.