

**PROCEEDINGS OF
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
West Bloomfield Parks and Recreational Activities Center
4550 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323
Thursday, February 28, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Wenczel

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Sally Wenczel
Treasurer Merv Aronoff
Secretary Michele Hembree
Commissioner David Barash
Commissioner Robert Brooks
Commissioner Vincent Kirkwood

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

Absent: Commissioner Gerald Sukenic

Public: Township Liaison Jonathan Warshay

PUBLIC FORUM - Limited to two minutes per resident for new topics

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Aronoff, second by Barash, to approve the agenda

**Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None
Absent: Sukenic
Motion Carried, 6 to 0**

CONSENT AGENDA

Items A through D are Consent Agenda matters considered to be routine by the Commission and enacted by one motion unless a member of the Commission wishes to discuss one of the topics.

- A) Approval of Minutes from the January 24, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting.
- B) Approval of January Financial Reports.
- C) Approval of Prepaid Expenditures in the amount of \$183,307.76. Expenditures in the amount of \$1,904.66 relating to 2018. Expenditures in the amount of \$69,273.82 relating to 2019. Credit card refunds totaling \$823.00 for the month of January, 2019.
- D) Approval of WBPRC Millage Timeline

Motion by Aronoff, second by Brooks to approve the Items A through D on the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Absent: Sukenic

Motion Carried, 6 to 0

Presentation of the mParks Fellowship Award to Senior Programmer, Dennis Troshak

Mr. John Lafever, President for the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, also known as mParks, and also Deputy Director for Canton Leisure Services, presented the mParks Fellowship Award to Mr. Dennis Troshak, Senior Programmer. mParks is the leading advocacy organization in Michigan dedicated to the advancement of public spaces, recreation and natural resources. mParks is committed to improving parks and recreation matters that they improve quality of life and it contributes enormously to our economy.

Mr. Lafever stated mParks recently held their state conference in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Ms. Meagan Kurnat, Ms. Kelly Hyer, Executive Director Jennifer Tucker and Mr. Joe Ketchum have been extremely involved in mParks, each serving on statewide committees for year. Mr. Lafever indicated they appreciated their willingness and support to be involved in their State association.

mParks recognized Mr. Dennis Troshak, who has been involved with mParks for nearly 40 years. Throughout those years, Mr. Troshak had been instrumental in working with so many of mParks activities, programs and events. Mr. Troshak is accredited with spearheading the girls of the Hershey Track and Field programs for its entire tenure of 35 years, serving both locally and nationally. He has also served on numerous mParks committees including conference, athletics, public policies, seniors and he was introduced into the USA Softball Hall of Fame for Metro Detroit in 2010. Mr. Troshak has been working as a tireless advocate, who has shared his time and talents throughout his career. Mr. Troshak is an incredible ambassador for the profession and serves as a great example. His humble approach and great leadership has earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and all of those he has served.

STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Tucker gave the Commission the Family Aquatic Center update. Construction will begin this year, if the Commission chooses to approve the construction bid. She hopes to have the construction finished later this year. Look for ReFAC updates next month.

mParks. Executive Director Tucker indicated the conference was held January 28 through February 1st, 2019 in Kalamazoo. It was a snowy, slippery ride to Kalamazoo. The staff involved figured out creative ways to make things happen during the conference while events were cancelled. Executive Director Tucker presented pictures of the conference.

Parks Superintendent Ketchum gave the Commission tonight's parks report. During December, January and February, staff performed tree trimming and removal. Parks Superintendent Ketchum presented pictures of staff out on the trail. Winter time is a good opportunity to cut the brush down and maintain the growth around the bridge by Walnut Lake Road and Walnut Creek Middle School.

Equipment Repair. Mr. John McKeown, Parks and Recreation Mechanic, was very busy going through all of the equipment to make them almost brand new after a long summer. He spends the winter putting them back together and repairing them.

HVAC repair. The building and mechanic technicians discovered that some HVAC ducts were not connected and allowed for variations in temperature. A company was hired to install insulation; the ducts were connected, so hopefully, there will be some balance in the heating and cooling at the Drake Community room.

Parks Superintendent Ketchum indicated one of the shelves fell apart from weight; staff built some new heavy duty shelves. This has been done in different locations because space is limited for storage. Staff is always looking for innovative ways to fix storage issues.

Recreation Superintendent Hyer gave the Recreation Report.

Polar Party. This was a sold out event in January. Staff came to the Commission with a solution because Mother Nature did not always cooperate in the winter time; it is difficult to organize a large scale festival outdoors. The Polar Party was held indoors serving a few hundred people. Recreation Superintendent Hyer presented photos of the naturalist working in the nature room. A live animal company was hired to bring in some unique animals from around the world.

Daddy/Daughter Dances. Two dances were held this year because of the popularity. Wednesday was almost sold out and Thursday was sold out a week in advance of the dance. A group photo was taken at the end of each night. Recreation Superintendent thanked and complimented the staff at Glen Oaks and the programming staff for a job well done.

Mother/Son Bowling. This fun event was sold out. Recreation Superintendent Hyer thanked Wonderland Lane for this partnership program.

Recreation Superintendent Hyer presented photos from a senior excursion to the Fox Theater.

Nature Room. Nature room hours are offered. You can drop in free for all ages. Next open hours will be held on March 1st from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 16th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; March 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is a great place for indoor activities.

Parks and Recreation will be recruiting soccer players, ages 3 to 5. Registration is ongoing. This will happen in April, May and June at Marshbank Park.

Maple Sugaring Event. Parks and Recreation is fortunate enough to partner with Orchard Lake Schools campus. This is a great interactive program learning about maple sugaring, then pancakes are served. There are a few different time slots on Sundays during March.

Night at the Aquarium on Belle Isle. This is a unique partnership with one of our leading co-founders of the Senior Resource Group, Tim Ferris. Tim always brings interesting, behind the scenes opportunities to our residents. This event is coming up March 21st, Thursday night. There is a transportation option or a drive yourself option. Tickets are now on sale.

Recreation Superintendent Hyer stated camp registration opens March 23rd. The guide will be going out to past campers. The guide is also available online. Camp registration begins March 23rd at 9 a.m. at the Recreation Activity Center. New partnership programs for camp will be offered.

Parks and Recreation is now hiring season positions. There were over 50 hours of donated time by volunteers in January. This is an opportunity for any age, students included, that need hours and/or people that are looking to get involved. There are different opportunities at events, and prepping events.

Email Marketing. Ms. Meagan Kurnat indicated in the staff report this month that we recently hit over 15,000 subscribers in our email list. There are 65,000 residents in the Township. In the new rebranding campaign on the website, there is a popup box on the bottom right hand corner that asks if you would like to subscribe to our email blast. This popup box is new which was implemented by Ms. Kurnat. We had over 31% of our new email subscribers filled out the popup box. Also, 84% of our referral website traffic came from our email blasts which, again, if you subscribe, you receive consistent, and weekly refresh content. New email subscribers have gone up from 9,000 to 15,000 within two years; 31% of those new email subscribers came from the popup box.

Recreation Superintendent Hyer stated that they were fortunate to have a team come in and paint a few of our spaces, including room 101 which now matches room 102.

Treasurer Aronoff stated the residents are complimenting the conditions of our parks, and they love the activities and functions.

ITEMS FROM THE OFFICERS

A. Items from the Chairperson

Chairperson Wenczel indicated everyone call her, Ms. Chair or Chair Wenczel.

B. Items from the Secretary

None

C. Items from the Treasurer

Treasurer Aronoff indicated March will be one of the coldest months in decades. Be cautious, wear layers, gloves, and cover your heads. There have been multiple frostbite reports. Make sure the children dress warm. Spring time will be here soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive: Report from Chairperson Wenczel (February 7 at 6 p.m.)

Chairperson Wenczel thanked Secretary Hembree for doing the Executive Committee Report.

Secretary Hembree indicated their meeting was held on February 7 at 6 p.m. Present were: Chairperson Wenczel, Secretary Hembree, and Treasurer Aronoff. They talked about the February 28, 2019 Commission meeting draft agenda; change up dates for senior program transition plan; administration reorganization; salary table adjustments; Orchard Mall update; senior newsletter update; leadership school opportunity; the new BS&A; West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation budget form; senior services advisory team update; then key dates for the ReFAC project; February Commission approvals; main construction starts; August construction completed; August/September park open to the public. The next scheduled meeting is March 4th at 6 pm.

B. Finance: Report from Treasurer Aronoff (February 28 at 6 p.m.)

Treasurer Aronoff stated the committee met before tonight's meeting. They discussed and reviewed January invoices, vouchers and the monthly budget status. They also discussed the agenda items for tonight's meeting. The next meeting is scheduled in March prior to the regular Commission meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Reassess the WBPRC Meeting Rate of Pay - Secretary Hembree

Secretary Hembree passed out proposals to each Commission member. Secretary Hembree indicated out of respect of Commissioner Sukenic's absence, she presented the proposal that they discussed.

The proposal is to raise the stipend pay for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission based upon the recommendation from Commissioner Sukenic which took place during the regular board meeting on December 20, 2018. The history of the stipend pay states the following: That Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on the fourth Thursday in January through October, and third Thursday in November and December at 7 p.m. It states that the members are paid \$85 per meeting effective June 24, 1999. The Commission members have been paid \$85 per meeting for approximately 19.5 years.

The recommendation from Commissioner Sukenic is to raise the \$85 stipend pay per meeting to \$150 per meeting for the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission members.

Commissioner Sukenic also recommends changing the quarterly pay date to be paid on a monthly pay date. You must attend the full meeting, not arriving five or ten minutes before the meeting is concluded in order to be paid.

Justification for the raise in stipend pay is that it has been 19.5 years with no raise in stipend pay, and the number of devoted hours by the Commissioners which are reflected by the work involved.

Treasurer Aronoff stated the Finance Committee recommends that due to the already established budget for 2019 and several of the projects that are forthcoming, that this particular consideration should be taken up at the next budget review meeting for 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Barash, second by Treasurer Aronoff to table Consideration to Reassess the WBPRC Meeting Rate of Pay for the next Budget Review Meeting in October, 2019 for the budget of 2020.

Secretary Hembree indicated the issue is that this item had been discussed prior to Commissioner Sukenic officially asking for the stipend pay. Secretary Hembree stated she wanted to represent Commissioner Sukenic properly. There has not been a stipend increase for 19.5 years.

Secretary Hembree stated there are two issues at hand. The other issue is for the pay to be made monthly as opposed to quarterly payments.

Treasurer Aronoff stated the motion was for the recommendation on this sheet that we table the consideration for both recommendations.

Secretary Hembree asked that the consideration for both recommendations to be changed and separated because changing the pay date should not have to wait for budget year.

Chairperson Wenczel asked, what is the thought process behind the quarterly payments, and how complicated or easy would it be for payroll to make the change? Executive Director Tucker indicated that last April, they looked into this change; it was a supplemental in the packets. Monthly pay dates can be made but the difference being is that it would have to be completely online, and also everyone would have to have direct deposit. Currently, this is not happening. The Commission members would have to fill out a sheet then it is, basically, emailed back to the payroll department to be processed. The reason why checks are made out four times a year instead of twelve is staff time.

Commissioner Brooks stated two points. The proposal for the monthly pay date was discussed for each of the Commissioners to go electronic, that was not agreed by all Commissioners, and so the issue was dropped in 2018. The second point, Commissioner Brooks asked for the basis of raising the stipend from \$85 to \$150 for clarification of a voting position.

Secretary Hembree stated this was Commissioner Sukenic's proposal and, unfortunately, he is absent. Commissioner Sukenic petitioned Secretary Hembree to assist him with the information. Secretary Hembree indicated there was some discussion with the Trustee as to the change and she wanted to do her due diligence to make sure to bring the information back to the Commission. The justifications are listed which include the number of devoted hours by the Commissioners by attending the meetings and special meetings, etc.

Trustee Warshay indicated he did not want to presume to comment on the pay issue but, parliamentary speaking, there is a motion to postpone this item. Then, you have to wait until the next meeting to withdraw the motion or defeat it, and then bring up a separate motion.

Chairperson Wenczel stated we have to respect the motion on the floor made by Commissioner Barash, seconded by Treasurer Aronoff. There was also a discussion. Chairperson Wenczel asked for a vote on the motion.

Secretary Hembree asked Commissioner Barash if he could amend the motion to make two separate motions for, one, the raise in pay stipend, then, two, to change the quarterly pay to monthly pay dates.

Commissioner Barash indicated Executive Director Tucker mentioned that if we went with monthly pay dates, it would have to be through direct deposit to their personal accounts, and the entire Commission would have to agree. If one of the Commissioners did not agree to direct deposit, then it is not going to happen. Secretary Hembree stated she was sorry for payroll purposes, but times have changed, we have to grow in our jobs, checks are costly, and to move to direct deposit. Nobody should have to wait to get paid two or three months after services.

Commissioner Barash stated he would not amend the motion. The motion stands, there was additional discussion.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Sukenic
Motion Carried, 6 - 0

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Award the Construction Bid for the Family Aquatic Center Redesign Project

VERBATIM MINUTES PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION

58:29

Wenczel: So again, the green paper is the correct version of that of Item A. Director Tucker, I will turn this over to you to give us a little more explanation.

Tucker: Thank you, Ms. Chairman. We are very happy to be here tonight to discuss this. It has been a long road. This is a culmination of a lot of work. We are really excited to be at this point. As you see in front of you in the green cover sheet, we had six bidders on this proposal and the staff, along with the talking points and the information that I have given you internally recommends to hire Michigan Recreation Construction. They are the third lowest bidder. They have the most experience with putting in splash pads. As a general contractor, they will be doing the work. The other bidders had a subcontractor, the same subcontractor. That subcontractor has done six splash pads and has been in business for about a year. We feel really confident with Michigan Recreation Construction as the supplemental information I am giving you, we have not only worked with them on numerous projects and have had success, we have also worked with their subcontractors list. Also, the information that we have put together, as far as what our finances would look like, this is higher than what we initially envisioned but that is the trend within the construction currently in the Detroit area. In the financial implications, you will see that there will be funds that will be appropriated from our prior year fund but it will leave us with 1.4 million and that is about, excuse me, that is approximately four months with of operating which it is pretty standard within government, usually about three months operating is usually the target. If the commission has any other questions, I would be glad to answer.

1:01

Aronoff: The cost of the splash pad equipment that is indicated in here, is that something that has to go out for bid also, and the oversight -- does that have to go out for bid?

Tucker: The oversight, we have already approved that contract. That's our current -- Tyler is here from our consultant group, that has already within that bid contract. As far as the equipment goes, that is through a national bid cooperative, so that is already bid out nationally, so we are utilizing those prices. The bid process has already taken place on a national level.

Aronoff: The total cost would be about \$3.6 million or something.

Tucker: Yes.

1:02

Hembree: I just wanted to know about any violations or have we checked with the State to make sure that there are no violations or any issues for the Michigan Recreation Construction?

Tucker: As far as their standing?

Hembree: Yes.

Tucker: I am not aware of any violations by them. We have thoroughly checked their references within the scope of the bid.

Hembree: I have looked at some other park commissions, the way that they process or prepare their bids and one of the things that they do when they turn in documents like this for such a project as this, there is always--just the print out because you can easily go onto LARA and print the information down to see if there are any violations, if they are in good standing, if there were any violations, were those violations cleared up? This is great but that would be one of my concerns. I just want to make sure because when you are bidding, you want to make sure that people have clean hands and it is nothing here. I don't know if there were any kind of problems. So I would be concerned.

Tucker: I can't do anything tonight. That's why we have asked if there was anything that we did need.

Hembree: That was one of the things -- I have been consistent, I always ask to make sure -- and I think it is something that is done routinely anyway, but I have always asked for any violations to be checked. It is important because this is construction. Recommendations are great but violations are key.

Wenczel: Commissioner Aronoff --

Aronoff: With that being said, I would like to make a motion to award the construction bids for the Family Aquatic Center Redevelopment project to Michigan Recreation Construction for an amount of \$2,940,000. Michigan Recreation Construction has extensive experience in the installation of splash pads; the amount of the three lowest bidders and this motion would be contingent upon no violations reported from the bid

1:04

Wenczel: Thank you, Commissioner Aronoff, do we have a second?

Hembree: second.

Wenczel: Motion has been seconded. Any discussion, any further discussion?

Kirkwood: I had a question. Is there any information about a warranty or preventative maintenance?

Tucker: Tyler, can you come to speak to that? Tyler and I just had this conversation.

1:05

Tyler Sprague, Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio: I can talk a little bit about the guarantees and warranties on the project. There is a maintenance and guarantee bond that is required. All workmanship and materials are guaranteed for two years. So with that bond, you are either going to be compensated for whatever needs to be repaired or replaced or the contractor is responsible. In addition to that, there are separate warranties for different manufacturer's warranty. For example, the splash pad. If something were to structurally go wrong with the splash pad, I think that would fall under the ten year warranty. There are different tiers depending on what exactly goes wrong.

Wenczel: Thank you. Thank you for being here tonight.

Kirkwood: In addition to that, that's on the equipment as well?

Sprague: Yes, anything that is supplied by Vortex is covered under that warranty in some fashion.

Kirkwood: So the construction and the equipment.

Sprague: The construction would actually fall underneath that maintenance and guarantee bond I spoke of earlier.

Kirkwood: Okay.

1:06

Barash: Good evening. Can you tell me, Mr. Sprague, the scope of your company? I know what you did here for us, just generally speaking.

Sprague: We are a landscape architecture firm. We are the prime consultant on the project. We oversee the whole project. Then we have employed the architects and engineers as well. We will carry the project through construction, administration, as Jennifer said earlier, we are going to be onboard through the whole construction process.

Aronoff: Jennifer, any splash pads in the area, somewhere close by that Michigan Recreation Construction has constructed?

Tucker: Yes, there is an extensive list. One that we did actually go and visit in down at Washtenaw County. They did a large renovation to Rolling Hills Splash Park. That's Washtenaw County. The person that actually oversaw that project for Washtenaw County, I used to work with, so we have had a lot of candid conversations, they have been very happy. That facility has been impressive, we have learned some things that they would have done differently. They were very happy with it, and adhere to all of the specifications. I have a whole list, if you would like to peruse.

Aronoff: You don't have to come up here.

Wenczel: The candidate in question has over 38 splash pads. That's a pretty good track record.

Wenczel: Do you need another minute? We have a motion on the floor. Any other questions or comments about Michigan Recreation Construction and the motion to approve? Okay. Roll call. Commissioner Hembree, can we have a roll call?

Hembree:

Aronoff: yes

Barash: yes

Brooks: yes.

Hembree: yes

Kirkwood: yes

Wenczel: Yes.

Wenczel: Thank you very much. We can start talking about it in the community as Splash Landing. It has a name, let's use that name.

END OF VERBATIM MINUTES

Motion by Treasurer Aronoff second by Secretary Hembree to Award the Construction Bid for the Family Aquatic Center Redesign Project to Michigan Recreation Construction for an amount of \$2,940,000. Michigan Recreation Construction has extensive experience in installation of splash pads among the three lowest bidders. This motion would be contingent upon no violations.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Sukenic

Motion Carried, 6 - 0

Mr. Tyler Sprague, from Johnson Hill Land Ethic Studio spoke a little bit about the guarantees and warranties on the project. There is a maintenance and guarantee bond that is required. All workmanship and materials are guaranteed for two years. With that bond, there would be compensation for whatever needs to be repaired or replaced. There are separate warranties for different manufacturers' warranties. Anything that is applied by Vortex is covered under that warranty in some fashion. The construction would fall underneath the maintenance and guarantee bond.

Johnson Hill Land Ethic Studio would oversee the whole project and carry the project through construction.

B. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of the Spray Park Equipment

Executive Director Tucker indicated this is a separate purchase because they went through a bidding partnership. The splash pad equipment specified for the Family Aquatic Center Redevelopment Project Plan is available for purchase through a national buying cooperative, National Purchasing Partners. Staff is recommending that the equipment be purchased through National Purchasing Partners due to savings from the competitive bid process and savings due to our tax exempt status. If the equipment was purchased by our approved contractor, sales tax would be paid and the cost would be passed on to the Commission. The warranty on the equipment remains the same.

Motion by Commissioner Barash, second by Treasurer Aronoff to Approve the Purchase of the Spray Park Equipment specified for the Family Aquatic Center Redevelopment in the amount of \$599,700 from Vortex USA, Inc. through the National Purchasing Partners. The additional cost of the contractor and construction oversight over and above the budget of \$3,000,000 will be taken from prior year fund balance.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Sukenic

Motion Carried, 6 - 0

C. Consideration to Approve the Purchase of Two Mowers

Parks Superintendent Ketchum indicated staff is recommending the purchase of two zero turn mowers. One mower would have a gas engine and the other would be electric. These mowers will replace the 2008 John Deere mowers currently in the fleet. The gas engine mower is an Exmark Model 940 60 inch cut at a cost of \$12,159. The electric mower would be a Mean Green CXR 60 inch cut at a cost of \$22,999. Total cost for both mowers is \$35,158.00.

In research provided by Mean Green, the cost difference between the two machines would be made up in less fuel and maintenance costs over the life of the machines. Staff had tested and researched both machines and is confident both machines would provide the production and reliability they are looking for.

In the past, the Commission has purchased equipment using cooperative bid programs. These cooperative programs allow local units of government to purchase equipment off their bid contracts saving local governments' time and money. The Exmark pricing is from the Oakland County Cooperative Bid. Mean Green Mowers is the only commercial grade mowers in the industry at this time and their pricing is direct from the manufacturer.

The \$300,000 is budgeted under Capital Purchases. Staff estimates savings in this line item for other purchases will cover the extra costs.

Secretary Hembree inquired if they offered an extended warranty for the mowers. Parks Superintendent Ketchum stated they do not normally ask for an extended warranty for any equipment. Treasurer Aronoff asked how much a new battery would cost, if it failed after four years. Parks Superintendent Ketchum stated he did not know but he would bring back the answer at the next meeting.

Chairperson Wenczel asked if the Commission should take the plunge and purchase two electric mowers because of the huge emission cuts. Parks Superintendent Ketchum stating he did not include in the budget for purchase two electric mowers. He would like staff to test and get feedback regarding the mowers, which one is mowing better, how the run times went, and if there were any charging issues.

Parks Superintendent Ketchum indicated Parks and Recreation have other green initiatives that they have done over the years. They are continuing to try to get more green initiatives. They are, definitely, looking in the future for any of the new equipment to go electric.

Motion by Aronoff, second by Barash to Approve the Purchase of one Exmark Model 940 mower from Weingartz for the price of \$12,159.00 and the purchase of one CXR 60 mower from Mean Green Mowers for the price of \$22,999.00.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Sukenic

Motion Carried, 6 - 0

ITEMS FROM THE TOWNSHIP LIAISON

Trustee Warshay gave his best wishes to Commissioner Sukenic and hoped that he feels better soon.

Trustee Warshay discussed upcoming events:

March 4th, The Township Board is going to have a work session at 5:00 p.m. on the millage renewals. Currently, there are two public safety millages as well as the safety path millage.

At the regular meeting, the Trustees will discuss renewing the contract with our waste hauler, Green for Life.

March 11th, the State of the Communities will be for the three mayors and Supervisor Kaplan; mayors being Orchard Lake, Sylvan Lake and Keego Harbor. This will be held at Abbott Middle School at 7 p.m.

March 20th at Planterra's, the Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition Fundraiser starts at 5:30 p.m. Purchase your tickets now.

Michigan Week is May 10th. Tickets go fast.

In terms of past meetings, there has only been one meeting since the Commission last met. On February 11th, there was a long agenda, nothing too notable. A resolution was approved in support of Sunshine Week, the Cable Commission asked the four communities to participate. That's, basically, in favor of open meetings, making documents more accessible, government more accessible to the residents.

The Trustees commissioned art work for the Orchard Lake Boulevard area. It looks impressive. It is local artists.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasurer Aronoff announced that Ms. Chair did a wonderful job as her first opportunity as chairperson. He wished her the best of luck for the rest of the year. Chairperson Wenczel indicated she appreciated everyone's help.

Chairperson Wenczel wished Commissioner Sukenic a speedy recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Chairperson Wenczel made a motion to adjourn, and unanimously supported. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Michele Hembree

Mona Freiburger
Recording Secretary

The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission will provide necessary aids for access, such as requests for a sign language interpreter or accommodations for a disability, please contact Ruth Lyons at 248-451-1925. Please make your requests early as a week will allow us to provide seamless access.

(As a permanent record, an audio tape of this meeting in its entirety is on file and will remain at the Parks and Recreation offices where it may be heard.)