

**PROCEEDINGS OF
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
West Bloomfield Parks and Recreational Activities Center
4640 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323
Thursday, February 22, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Brooks

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Robert Brooks
Treasurer Merv Aronoff
Secretary Joe Green
Commissioner Margie Fiszman-Kirsch
Commissioner Michele Hembree
Commissioner Gerald Sukenic
Commissioner Sally Wenczel

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

Absent: None

Public: Township Liaison Jonathan Warshay

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

Chairman Brooks shared a quote from James Stevens, "Man needs forgetfulness as well as memory. We find that life goes better when we can let go of the past, bad episodes, and move onto the positive things happening around us." Chairman Brooks felt this quote was perfect for us because where we were last month and where we are this month. Last month, the meeting started with not having snow and as we went through the month, we had a lot of snow. We talked about not having things that help our Parks and Rec have the activities but today, we have a Daddy/Daughter dance and so many other programs that go on in Parks and Rec. Let's keep our minds focused around the future of Parks and Rec and all the things we are going to do today.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Brooks indicated there are 14 items on the agenda and one item that Commissioner Sukenic asked to be added as well.

Commissioner Sukenic stated he had discussed with Chairman Brooks on several occasions regarding the proposal to reinstitute the park acquisition or asset acquisition and park improvement committee.

Chairman Brooks added Commissioner Sukenic's proposal into New Business, Item 10, Item C.

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

Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried, 7 to 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Items A through E 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 25, 2018 Regular Commission Meeting.
- B) Approval of Minutes from the February 5, 2018 Special Commission Meeting.
- C) Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2018 Special Commission Meeting.
- D) Approval of January Financial Reports.
- E) Approval of Prepaid Expenditures in the amount of \$176,049.72. January expenditures in the amount of \$201,539.66. Credit card refunds totaling \$1,989.25 for the month of January 2018.

Motion by Fizman-Kirsch, seconded by Wenczel to approve the Items A through E on the Consent Agenda.

Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried, 7 to 0

STAFF REPORT

Director Tucker gave an update for the Family Aquatic Center. She indicated that Superintendent Joe Ketchum, Chris Frey, Parks Supervisor, John McKeown, Park Tech, and Dan (inaudible), Park Tech had visited Brownstown Splash Park to observe their operation regarding the best options for the upcoming West Bloomfield Splash Park. They looked at their rules, changing rooms, mechanical rooms and received good insight from their Director. West Bloomfield tailored an operating system from that visit which would be very useful. Pictures of their visit were shown which included their bays of locks, changing facilities and splash pad functions. Director Tucker indicated this was a very nice facility, they are packed at all times especially in the beginning hours of the day. The Brownstown facility sells tickets for two hour stints. The Township would do a similar function knowing how the splash pad would function. The design work for the Family Aquatic Center continues with a meeting with Johnson Hill to look over preliminary plans for the March 5th meeting.

Director Tucker gave an overview and presented photos regarding the MParks Annual Conference held February 6 through 9, 2018. Director Tucker stated one of the criteria from the Commission when she started was they wanted West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation to become more involved in the State and nationally. Many staff members had presented sessions at the conference and/or were involved behind the scenes. Denny Troshak, senior coordinator, Meagan Kurnat, marketing coordinator, Superintendent Hyer, and Superintendent Ketchum also presented during the conference. Meagan will be the conference Chairperson for 2019. Director Tucker is on the certification and directors committee. The certification committee approves the sessions which are appropriate for attendees to receive additional educational credits for attending the conference.

The Township Parks and Rec brought home an award. Director Tucker stated that it was a successful and great conference.

Director Tucker presented a photo of Meagan Kurnat, Marshall Labadie, Developmental Services Director, Greg Flynn, Chief of the fire department and herself as part of a bowling team that helps out the West Bloomfield Police Foundation fundraiser. Director Tucker indicated she had bragging rights for having a higher score against Greg Flynn.

Superintendent Joe Ketchum presented the Parks report.

Superintendent Ketchum stated he would report on the rental update from last year using the new RecPro system but with tonight's technical difficulties, he indicated he would update next month.

Southeast Michigan Winter Maintenance Meeting. West Bloomfield Parks and Rec hosted this meeting. This is a group of municipalities in the southeast section of the State that get together including the Oakland County Road Commission, Wayne County Road Commission, Farmington Hills, City of Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township, Southfield and a few others, to discuss plowing, salting and winter issues. Interestingly, there is a salt shortage and we are receiving the salt from Cleveland, not Detroit. Parks and Rec has a good supply because we were able to not use as much rock salt but there is some concern if we should get another event. Also, the salt tends to be a little clumpy this year and they don't know exactly the reason. The attendees looked at our operations, and salt brine mixing tank. Superintendent Ketchum stated this was a good meeting, good networking opportunity for staff and good educational opportunity.

Tree Trimming. Superintendent Ketchum presented photos of the preventative maintenance and trimming of the trees in the parks. Tree trimming is time consuming and a lot of time is spent during the winter months with tree trimming.

Equipment Maintenance. Superintendent Ketchum presented photos of the equipment maintenance. Mike Fallon is the sports turf specialist who goes out and aerates the fields, and changes the machine's equipment to get ready for spring. There was also a pic of John McKeown, mechanic, working on the Toro Workman cart which is used to get into areas where trucks can't go in. We try to keep heavy duty equipment off of the turf.

Salt/Brine/Sand. Superintendent Ketchum presented photos of the salt brine operation. A photo was shown of the library parking lot with a hue of white which is rock salt and the difference of what brining does. The rock salt sits up and a lot of material is wasted and running off into catch basins and eventually into the water systems. Superintendent Ketchum indicated he did not blame the library but their contractor. Salt is not used in the dog park because of the gravel parking lot and then salt would not get in the dogs' paws. Sand goes down into the gravel parking lot.

Superintendent Kelly Hyer presented the recreation report. Superintendent Hyer stated they are now hiring, so if there are any candidates who would like to peruse our summer employment opportunities, go to the Parks and Rec website for all of the job postings. Most applicants are hired during the months of March and April.

Polar Party. All four sessions were sold out. Photos were shown. The sessions were held in the Parks and Rec building. The weather did not cooperate and there was no snow outdoors. The choice to move the winter festival indoors was made two years ago.

Nature Recap. Photos were presented. One snowshoe event was cancelled in January due to lack of snow but February was amazing. The senior snowshoe hike was very popular.

Bird Watch Trail Hike. Photos were presented. Ground Hogs Day, the groundhog refused to cooperate and did not want to come out. Other animal friends were invited and shown.

Senior Trips Recap. The Monet exhibit at the DIA had a sold out crowd and new patrons. Photos were shown during the Detroit Public Library free tour and DIA exhibit.

Nature Update. Open hours for the rest of the spring/summer are posted. Pictures were shown of the rock painting program.

Camp Update. The camp guide is now online. The camp guide will go out to all households in the West Bloomfield Today magazine which will be mailed during the first week of March. Registration begins for Sneak Peek Summer Camp on Saturday, April 14th. We are offering a leadership and training application this year. We are going to take a limited number of teenagers that want some experience in leadership and working with our kids at Camp WB. We are hiring for two key lead positions. All applications are to be filled online.

Community Collaboration. Picture of the front cover was shown. Meagan Kurnat designed the publication which is very colorful and laid out really well. It includes all of our summer camp offerings.

Superintendent Hyer spoke about another community collaboration event which is a Maple Sugaring Program on Sunday, March 11th, partnered with the Polish Mission at Orchard Lake Schools. The event had been campus wide and information had spread through the church and friends of Orchard Lake Schools. They are still offering other weekend tours but for this particular brunch, there are four different times, a pancake breakfast complete with maple syrup is included. There will also be a tree tapping demonstration from the Polish Mission with a live fire. In addition, they are partnering with a Copper Guild blacksmith that will also be on campus of the Orchard Lake School. This event will be very interactive, informative and will last approximately 30 to 45 minutes. This is our first partnership with them and we see a bright future in this collaboration.

Mother/Son Bowling. There are limited spots open. Wonderland Lanes is amazing to work with and they have allowed us to book a few more lanes.

Spring Fling Egg Hunt and Earth Day Celebration. These events sell out two weeks before the event. The best thing is to register online or call our office.

Senior Luncheon for St. Patrick's Day is approaching. This is a day time event. There is a new musician booked this year. Registration is ongoing as well for the senior dance which will be held at Glen Oaks on Thursday, May 10th.

Superintendent Hyer indicated that if anyone would like to get involved with a great organization and fun experience of volunteering, there is something for everyone whether working with our seniors, working in the parks, working at special events, behind the scenes work, we would love to have you. Fill out an application online.

Director Tucker stated that she was asked last month regarding the percentage of the budget which goes to personnel. The auditors had done a page on this for our previous year which that percentage is 48%. Director Tucker indicated they are happy with that number.

Chairman Brooks asked if there were any questions. Treasurer Aronoff asked if the branches were cut down with a special tool. Superintendent Ketchum answered that it all depends; hand saws and chippers are used, and in a photo shown earlier, an actual chainsaw on a pole was used. All work is done in-house. On occasion, work is done for the police and fire on the safety paths. It is the Township's responsibility but in an emergency, we will perform the work and cleanup for the Township. Treasurer Aronoff asked what is done with the tree chips. Superintendent Ketchum answered that they are used for mulch but there are so many chips, we can't use them all and a contact from Flint comes down and picks them up for the power

plant and burned for power. Superintendent Ketchum stated that there is not a storage facility for the chips for the public to pick up. There is not a cost for the pick up for the power plant use.

Commissioner Wenczel stated her daughter had the best time at the Daddy/Daughter dance. Commissioner Wenczel asked if the library had access to the brining mixing tub or if Superintendent Ketchum could suggest that we could do that lot as well for environmental reasons. Superintendent Ketchum indicated that they used to get paid to take care of the library parking lot which becomes a big job and was very taxing on our equipment. The life of the equipment would dwindle immensely. The Township and the library parking lots go out to bid every year for snow removal. Superintendent Ketchum stated he would suggest to Marshall Labadie at the Town Hall to find a company that would do the salt brining technique. The salt brining technique is becoming more and more popular but it is getting those companies to get onboard to provide those services.

Chairman Brooks congratulated Director Tucker for her reports on the MParks, her leadership and the inspiration for her staff to take on the chairperson role in 2019. Chairman Brooks asked Director Tucker to inform the Commission in advance the date for the 2019 conference for the Commission to observe or attend. Director Tucker indicated that she used to be heavily involved with the Park Resources and she is more involved with the Directors Committee now. The Directors Committee is, potentially, looking to do some things for Commissioners this year in Kalamazoo and when those dates are established, she will get those dates to the Commission.

Chairman Brooks also congratulated Director Tucker on her bowling score. Chairman Brooks also thanked the Commission members for attending and being active in the special meetings.

ITEMS FROM THE OFFICERS

A. Items from the Chairperson

No additional items from Chairperson Brooks.

B. Items from the Secretary

No additional items from Secretary Green.

C. Items from the Treasurer

Treasurer Aronoff congratulated the staff on their award. Superintendent Ketchum stated the award was the Park Resource Innovative Award. The winterization system that the staff developed for closing down the bathroom facilities for the winter where we close off the system, and pump in the RV anti-freeze into the system to save time and money.

Secretary Green thanked the hard working staff for their great ideas because without them, we wouldn't win these awards.

Commissioner Fizman-Kirsch congratulated Director Tucker who was selected to attend a national conference of park directors in Denver. Director Tucker indicated that, strangely enough, she was excited and looking forward to the conference to learn more about cost recovery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive: Report from Chairman Brooks (February 12 at 6 p.m.)

Chairman Brooks stated the Executive Personnel Committee met on February 12th at 8 p.m., which followed another meeting. In that meeting, the following was discussed: Commission meeting draft agenda for tonight; the ReFAC update and operational procedures; and the process for a plan approval for workshops as far as executive committee and informing the Park Commission of changes. The next scheduled meeting is March 5th at 7:30 p.m.

B. Finance: Report from Treasurer Aronoff (February 22 at 6 p.m.)

Treasurer Aronoff stated the Finance Committee meeting took place tonight at the Rec building. Director Tucker, Finance Chairman Aronoff and Commissioners Fiszman and Wenczel were present. The meeting began at 6 p.m. The Committee assessed the budget to actual spending for the month ending in January which included administration, recreation and parks operation, and transportation departments. The data indicated the line item budgeting for the year, the amount spent on each item for the month, the amount spent on each item for the year to date, and the percentage of the budget spent on each item for year to date. This is included in the packet. Revenues associated with the property taxes, recreation and other sources of income were provided. These figures express projected cash flow as well as amounts collected for the month, for the year to date and the percentage of the project for the year. This is in your reports for the finance. The Committee was satisfied with the positive results as revenues plus fund balance more than meets spending for the monthly and year to date totals. We have a fund balance and we are getting revenues from property taxes and other incomes. This revenue including our fund balance will more than meet the spending for the monthly and year to date total. This is in the report as well.

The Committee reviewed invoices, vouchers, and prepaid expenses for the month. All questions and concerns were acknowledged and all reports were properly organized. Items on tonight's agenda were also discussed.

The next finance committee meeting will take place in March prior to the regular Commission meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Bid Proposal Engineering Services for Retention Pond Renovation

Director Tucker indicated there were three sealed bids for engineering services. This is not the total project but this is for engineering services for the retention ponds at Drake Sports Park. Superintendent Ketchum gave an overview of the project. There are about nine retention ponds that handle the water from our parking lot to Drake Sports Park. They are now 22 years old. Last summer, there were backups in the parking lots after heavy duty rains. After investigation, and talking to the Township, clean up and a maintenance plan of the detention areas should have been ongoing with the Township. Moving forward, three of the ponds with the biggest issues will be cleaned, and a maintenance plan will be implemented. The Township has three pre-approved engineering companies, we sent out an RFP, Johnson Anderson was the lowest bid at \$18,880. This amount was included in the 2018 budget. Some of the construction would be done in-house.

Commissioner Sukenic asked if Johnson Anderson would give a specification to clean it out or for reconstruction. Superintendent Ketchum indicated they would do a survey, find out how much sediment is present and review the original plans. The outlined three ponds getting cleaned are in the packet. They will go back to the original design and elevation, put that bid specification together and work with the Township for a complete bid specification. A construction crew would follow. The Township refers to these ponds as

detention ponds because they hold water. They are referred to as both in the plans. The culverts go from one pond to the next pond to the next pond. If they were to overflow, they would go into the drainage system of the road but it would be impossible to get there.

Chairman Brooks stated this motion approves this bid to only look at three of the nine ponds. Chairman Brooks asked if there is a contingency in the bid with this engineering company to go further. Superintendent Ketchum stated that there are four ponds that are connected to this direct system. If during this phase of engineering they discover that we need to clean the fourth pond, we would probably add that to the bid before it is sent out. In the pre-engineering walkthroughs, the fourth pond, water is not getting there because it is going through the first three. Right now, there is not an issue with the fourth pond, but if necessary, it would be added to the bid proposal for the work. There is no contingency in this particular bid to look further. A maintenance plan would be implemented for the site which would probably be every ten to fifteen years. There are no parking issues. It is the sediment build up.

Commissioner Hembree thanked Superintendent Ketchum for always thinking ahead for the maintenance and being innovative with all of the awards. Superintendent Ketchum stated that we have a very talented staff and always looking for better and smarter ways to stay ahead of the curve on these maintenance issues.

Motion by Treasurer Aronoff, seconded by Commissioner Wenczel to Approve Bid Proposal Engineering Services for Retention Pond Renovation in the amount of \$18,880.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried, 7-0

B. Consideration to Approve a Local Nonprofit or Catering Company to Provide Beer/Wine during the Marshbank Music Series

Director Tucker stated this is concerning our concert series that has been going on in West Bloomfield for 20 plus years. In the last five years or so, we have noticed the numbers were starting to dwindle. The Parks and Rec team came up with some possibilities to increase attendance. Director Tucker indicated they would like input from the Commission to go through some of those changes.

Superintendent Hyer stated the concert series event needs a makeover. The staff evaluated the music series at Marshbank Park and recognized that the attendance is not reaching its potential and the numbers are declining. Feedback from attendees include that the concerts are too short. It is recognized that the concert series is missing some elements that appeal to our target audience of adults, 20 somethings, adults with no kids, empty nesters, senior citizens and also family friendly. Photos were shown of past and present concerts. In 2010/2011, the crowds were doubled, if not tripled from last year.

Superintendent Hyer stated other events are sold out consistently and what are we doing differently for the concert series? We don't plan the event series like other special events. The recommendation before the Commission tonight is on behalf of Director Tucker, Superintendent Ketchum, myself, Meagan Kurnat, and Chris Frey. Superintendent Hyer indicated they reached out to local departments in Michigan that have incredible success with their concert series. We want to make sure that it is appealing for recreation for adults and also family friendly. We want to improve our product, improve the sound quality and improve the sound consistency. A sound technician was hired for all three events for sound consistency. We want to deliver longer concerts. We are going to condense down to three weeks and have two bands play each night. A plug and play concept would be used so the bands can set up and plug into the equipment. Two bands can be switched out in less than 30 minutes. We are going to book the bands that appeal to a broad audience. The first band for each series is going to be a specific genre; the second band is going to cover the top 40. Food trucks would be brought in as this trend is still an upswing at events; adults prefer a different variety of

menu options. The whole point of presenting this tonight is to collaborate with a non-profit to do beer and wine. Novi Parks, Springfield Township, Canton Leisure Services and Livonia have successfully held beer and wine tents at different events. Lastly, public relations. We are going to do a huge community outreach this year with posters, postcards and event promotion including social media.

Superintendent Hyer presented a visual presentation of the set up with the band, beer/wine tent, and food trucks at Marshbank Park. The tent would be 20 x 30 with snow fencing. The State of Michigan license does require and set secure parameters for the beer/wine tents. This area should be big enough so attendees can bring in their own seating and still have a visual to the band.

Commissioner Fiszman-Kirsch shared her concern for the beer/wine tent location for families with children who do not want to expose their children to the alcohol. Also, Commissioner Fiszman-Kirsch indicated there are a number of sponsors and catering companies within the community that provide food. These companies should be approached first instead of bringing companies from outside of the community that have no stake in the community. Commissioner Fiszman-Kirsch questioned if we are going to change the vendors in order to participate or require a deposit or a certain percentage of sales in order to invite them in.

Superintendent Hyer stated they could look into the tent location options. The sponsors and caterers options could also be looked into further. The challenge is the infrastructure, they do not have the capacity to bring in the equipment needed whereas food trucks are self contained and already have their licenses. Charging the vendors and deposit could also be looked into further. Over the last ten years, food trucks are very trendy and they sometimes require the business, whether a local festival or department to put down a deposit because they want to be guaranteed a certain amount of revenue sales but the opposite is also happening where you have built up your name and they want to be at your event/festival and they will pay an entry fee, make a donation or 10% kickback.

Commissioner Wenczel commented that she thought the beer/wine tent was in a good location because the playground is on the opposite side and a blind spot from the beer tent. The parents are going to be on the hill so you can see the playground and access to the playground.

Superintendent Hyer stated this is a tentative concept. The non-profits that are interested in doing this are responsible for the table rentals of high top tables and low seating. We want the area to be small enough so it looks successful, and look busy but attract enough to make the area comfortable, fun and interesting.

Superintendent Hyer stated in order to secure your temporary license through the State of Michigan, there are guidelines to follow, submit a plan and include a diagram.

Commissioner Sukenic stated he had concerns regarding the controls and he did not like the idea.

Commissioner Hembree stated that she thought it was wonderful that the staff was taking a bare bones look at this event. The parks are beautiful and she did not want to do away with what could be a fantastic event. Commissioner Hembree indicated she loved the Optimist Club and she would hate for them not to be granted an opportunity for catering with an adult menu. She also stated that the food trucks are great but know food trucks can be very costly to the consumer and to keep that in mind as well. Commissioner Hembree suggested a jazz series or more of a technical show for the millennials.

Treasurer Aronoff asked if the successful concerts in other communities were held on any specific day or time. Superintendent Hyer stated Oakland County Parks put together a report a few years ago mapping out every concert series in Oakland County. There was no rhyme or reason what community, what day or what times the concerts were held.

Chairman Brooks asked if parking was considered because when there is a full hill, parking won't be in the park, it will be in the neighborhood on the other side which is a long walk. Superintendent Hyer stated that parking was discussed and possibly activating the overflow lot in the front would be an option.

Motion by Commissioner Wenczel, seconded by Treasurer Aronoff to Allow Beer and Wine Sales at Marshbank Park during the Marshbank Music Series on July 11, 18 and 25, 2018.

Ayes: Brooks, Green, Aronoff, Fiszman-Kirsch, Hembree, Wenczel

Nays: Sukenic

Absent: None

Motion Carried, 6-1

C. Consideration to Create an Asset, Acquisition and Park Improvement Committee

Commissioner Sukenic stated he brought this idea to the attention of Chairman Brooks within the last couple of months. Commissioner Sukenic indicated, historically, we had a land acquisition and park improvement committee. The committee was very proactive and things that exist today in our parks were the result of the committee. Regarding Drake Sports Park, Dan Navarre went to Arizona and observed the fitness trail equipment that was installed at the park. Commissioner Sukenic stated that the suggestion was made to ride through some of these parks to familiarize ourselves because we are the eyes and ears of the community. Commissioner Sukenic indicated an Asset, Acquisition and Park Improvement Committee should be instituted and be a viable part of the existing Commission for the reasons stated on the proposal.

There was a discussion regarding this matter by the Commission.

Ms. Fiszman-Kirsch indicated she had been on a similar committee in which they met with no items to discuss and she cautioned that unless there is a specific matter that needs to be discussed that this committee be conscious of the necessity to not meet just for the sake of meeting.

Director Tucker stated she wanted to know the goals of the Committee and how and why do we decide to meet or not to meet.

Commissioner Sukenic stated that the committee would include three commissioners and would meet at least but not less than six times a year. They would not meet unless there is a necessity to meet. The goal would be to bring back items and inform Director Tucker and Superintendent Ketchum of opportunities such as the idea of a pickleball facility or volleyball facility. This committee would be an appropriate place to discuss these issues, reviewed in depth and then brought back to the entire Commission.

Director Tucker stated that she wanted to make sure that this committee would be strategic plan driven. Director Tucker indicated that when she sees the word, "improvement", she thinks of operations. She does not want it to be misconstrued that this committee would meet to discuss park operations. Chairman Brooks stated this would have to be aligned to our strategic plan. Commissioner Sukenic disagreed and he gave an example of the dog park which he indicated nobody in the community wanted a dog park but we got it and it is successfully used. Commissioner Sukenic indicated the intent is not to micro manage the parks. Commissioner Wenczel stated that when she sees something that may need improvement, she would send an email or a picture from her phone such as the picture of the poison ivy on the bridge in the nature preserve. The poison ivy was gone within a week. Commissioner Wenczel indicated that the asset acquisition may be a good part of this committee but not park improvement. Commissioner Hembree indicated that she was concerned about this proposal because it may turn into parks and rec policing which is not the intention. Commissioner Hembree stated that the Commission is approachable and if there is a concern or issue, the Commission is here.

Chairman Brooks stated there is a motion on the table and a second, is there a need to have a modification of the motion by Commissioner Sukenic? Commissioner Sukenic stated he would accept a friendly amendment as proposed by Commissioner Wenczel to amend the title, the consideration to create an asset acquisition committee, only. Commissioner Fiszman-Kirsch included "with certain parameters in place that need to be applied uniformly in accordance with the strategic plan." Chairman Brooks stated, "aligned to the strategic plan." Chairman Brooks also added, "to meet a minimum of three times a year and a maximum of six, if needed." Commissioner Sukenic accepted these modifications.

Director Tucker indicated to be mindful that this committee is not budgeted and we do not have capital funds for acquisition, currently. Chairman Brooks stated this is an actionable item that we are voting to establish and we would take this under advisement. If the vote is successful, then the executive board would look at it and we would approach Director Tucker and figure out how to make it work.

Motion by Commissioner Sukenic, seconded by Treasurer Aronoff to Establish an Asset, Acquisition Committee only, to be aligned to the Strategic Plan, and to meet a minimum of three times a year and a maximum of six times a year, if needed.

Ayes: Brooks, Sukenic, Wenczel

Nays: Fiszman-Kirsch, Green, Aronoff, Hembree

Absent: None

Motion Fails, 4-3

ITEMS FROM THE TOWNSHIP LIAISON

Mr. Warshay stated today is the 280th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Mr. Warshay indicated that he was at the RAC earlier this week for a club meeting and he has been enjoying the facilities very much since last year.

In terms of Township business, Mr. Warshay stated with the warming and thawing, the roads are disintegrating rapidly especially 14 Mile Road near Pebble Creek. Members of the public may call our Supervisor, Mr. Kaplan, at 248-451-4813 and he or his assistant would take the information and pass it on. The Township does not own the road, so we rely on the county or parts of 14 Mile Road is actually with Farmington Hills, to contact another authority to try to get things done when there are issues with the roads.

The Township Board met this week on Monday, all of the labor contracts except for one are now approved.

Mr. Warshay indicated he was spearheading on behalf of the Township to have an annual community event, perhaps a parade on Memorial Day. This is in the very beginning stages and we are interested in working with organizations including Pars and Rec to see who could participate, how we would run it and what we would do. Looking for something to be very inclusive that the community would enjoy.

West Bloomfield now has a cat café at PetValu, West Bloomfield, which is opening the Meowtown Lounge and Adoption Center. This cat café is by Busch's at 14 Mile Road and Farmington Road. All cats will be available for adoption on March 24, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for 30 minutes and \$8 for an hour. The goal is to meet the cat that you would like to adopt and take it home. They are considering dogs as well.

Mr. Warshay stated he would not attend the Parks and Rec meeting to be held in March, he will be on his way to Oklahoma to see his grandson.

PUBLIC FORUM - Limited to 2 minutes per Resident for new topics

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hembree indicated she saw a couple of dads and they asked if there would be a Dad/Son event. Commissioner Hembree commented that the dads really dress sharp for the Daddy/Daughter Dance, the dads were handsome and the little girls are just beautiful. The event was fabulous.

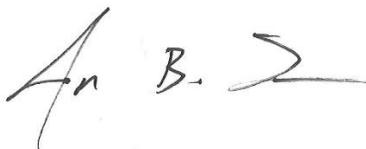
Chairman Brooks stated the March 5th meeting to meet with the design and architecture company relative to the redo of the Family Aquatic Center property would be held at 6:00 p.m. at the RAC in the conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Treasurer Aronoff made a motion to adjourn, and was unanimously supported. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Green", written over a faint rectangular stamp.

Joe Green

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.)