

MINUTES

BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD JOINT WORK SESSION MEETING WITH PARKS & RECREATION

Monday, January 24, 2022, 6:00 PM



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Debbie Binder
Township Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Kaplan at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4550 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield.

2. ROLL CALL.

Present: Supervisor Steven Kaplan
Clerk Debbie Binder
Treasurer Teri Weingarden
Trustee Howard Rosenberg
Trustee Jim Manna
Trustee Diane Rosenfeld Swimmer
Trustee Jonathan Warshay

Absent: None

ROLL CALL – Planning Commission

Present: Chairman Robert Brooks
Secretary Vincent Kirkwood
Treasurer Merv Aronoff
Commissioner David Barash
Commissioner John Erich
Commissioner Sally Wenczel

Absent: Commissioner Terrance Adams

In attendance: Noah Arbit, Resident
Fred Ball, Resident
Lisa Berman, Resident
Marge Clarke, Resident
Judy Domstein, Resident
Charles Downey, Resident
Su Goodman, Resident
Murray Gorchow, Resident
Leah Groya, WB Parks Consultant
Steven Hay, Resident
Susan Hay, Resident

Bob Holt, Resident
Debra Holt, Resident
Cathy Kunkel, Resident
Jaime Neher, Design Director at Neumann Smith Architecture
Julie Neher, Neumann Smith Architecture
Michael Patton, WBPB Chief
Carol Seymour, Resident
Lois Shulman, Resident
Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President at Plante Moran CRESA
Jennifer Tucker, WB Parks and Recreation Executive Director
David Varda, Resident
Sylvia Whitmer, Resident
Anthony Williams, Resident

James Allen, Sr. Data Processor/Election Coordinator

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Manna, supported by Rosenfeld Swimmer, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Binder, Kaplan, Manna, Rosenberg, Rosenfeld Swimmer, Warshay, Weingarden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (non-related agenda Items - 3 minutes per speaker)

Public Comment was opened and the following individuals spoke:

Trustee Diane Rosenfeld Swimmer said she was happy to return to in-person Township Board Meetings and seeing people again.

Resident Noah Arbit announced he is a candidate for the State House of Representatives and that he has talked to residents of West Bloomfield and its neighboring communities about our parks and how the community invests in its parks and green spaces.

6. **PRESENTATION** West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan

West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Executive Director Jennifer Tucker thanked the Board for holding the joint meeting and introduced West Bloomfield Parks Consultant Leah Groya who provided a ten minute PowerPoint presentation regarding the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission 5-Year Master Plan. Ms. Groya shared that participation in the last couple of years has been reduced due to the pandemic and that most programs and events were advertised through the wbparks.org website and word of mouth. She also shared that residents provided input on activities that they were interested in. She also stated that there was some interest in more parkland in the southeast quadrant of West Bloomfield east of Farmington Road and south of Lone Pine Road.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation 5-Year Master Plan

Public Hearing was opened at 6:40 P.M.

Resident Su Goodman
Resident Sylvia Whitmer
Resident Cathy Kunkel
Resident Cameron McClure
Resident Bob Holt
Resident Deb Holt
Resident Lisa Berman
Resident Noah Arbit
Resident Marge Clarke
Resident Susan Hay
Resident David Varda
Resident Carol Seymour
Clerk Debbie Binder

Public Hearing was closed at 7:29 P.M.

8. **DISCUSSION** Township Board/Commission

The following individuals spoke:

None

9. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution of the 2022 West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 (*Parks and Recreation Commission*) (**Exhibit #1**)

Secretary Vincent Kirkwood presented the 2022 West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 to the Township Board.

Motion by Kirkwood, supported by Barash, to adopt Resolution of the 2022 West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026.

Ayes: Aronoff, Barash, Brooks, Erich, Kirkwood, Wenczel

Nays: None

Absent: Adams

Motion carried

10. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution of the 2022 West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026 (*West Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees*) (**Exhibit #2**)

Motion by Warshay, supported by Rosenfeld Swimmer, to adopt Resolution of the 2022 West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2022-2026.

Ayes: Binder, Kaplan, Manna, Rosenberg, Rosenfeld Swimmer, Warshay, Weingarden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

11. **PRESENTATION** of Recreation Activities Center Needs Assessment by Consultants Robert Stempien of Plante Moran CRESA and Julie Neher of Neumann Smith

Ms. Tucker introduced Robert Stempien, Senior Vice President at Plante Moran CRESA, and Julie Neher, from Neumann Smith Architecture, to speak about the needs for a West Bloomfield Township Community Center.

Mr. Stempien discussed the scope of work; demographic analysis, group feedback, building/site investigation, programming and planning, financial feasibility assessment, and capital planning report.

Ms. Neher spoke about the buildable area within the Parks and Recreation building on the Civic Center campus.

Motion by Wenczel, supported by Kirkwood, to receive and file the presentation by Consultants Robert Stempien of Plante Moran CRESA and Julie Neher of Neumann Smith.

Ayes: Aronoff, Barash, Brooks, Erich, Kirkwood, Wenczel

Nays: None

Absent: Adams

Motion carried

Motion by Weingarden, supported by Warshay, to receive and file the presentation by Consultants Robert Stempien of Plante Moran CRESA and Julie Neher of Neumann Smith.

Ayes: Binder, Kaplan, Manna, Rosenberg, Rosenfeld Swimmer, Warshay, Weingarden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Manna, and supported by Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Ayes: Binder, Kaplan, Manna, Rosenberg, Rosenfeld Swimmer, Warshay, Weingarden

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

Debbie Binder
Township Clerk

Steven Kaplan
Township Supervisor