



Hamburg Township
Parks & Recreation Committee
Regular Meeting
Hamburg Township Hall Board Room
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Dolan called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call of the Parks & Recreation Committee

Board Members Present: Koeble, Bennett, Auxier, Dolan

Board Members Absent: Muck

Also Present: Deby Henneman, Parks Coordinator

4. Call to the Public

Rick Marshall, Participant with HCSC – Has participated with HCSC for a year and supports the club. He states the service they provide is affordable and is a good recreational outlet for the children. He is in support of tax dollars assisting this type of programming.

Gary Parsons, 5295 Gallagher – He stated he has been a member of the HCSC Board in the past, and came to remind the committee about the contributions to the Parks that the club has made over the years. He stated when the concession stand was built the Township wasn't in a good position to contribute, so HCSC stepped up and worked on the project, supplying over \$10,000 in equipment. They maintain the fields, over and above the participant fees they pay. He stated Pinckney Community Schools is already advertising a program on Merrill Fields, however, he has not seen a Park Use, which makes it seem that there is something going on behind the scenes.

Patricia, Participant – Recently moved to Township, and her kids enjoy the program.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Koeble, supported by Auxier, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Muck)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from November 27, 2018 Regular Meeting were not presented. No action taken.

7. Correspondence

Correspondence was received and filed for the following:

- Jeff Muck, Email – Not in support of HCSC being granted park use.
- Jake Baker, Email – In support of HCSC being granted park use.

8. New Business

None

9. Unfinished Business

A. Parks & Recreation Master Plan/Pending Grants/Supervisor Report

1. Iron Belle & Lakelands Trail Update

No update was given.

2. Grant Planning Summit – Master Design Draft

Master Design Draft has been approved by the Township Board, and Clerk staff will be working with McKenna to select projects to target for 2019 Grant cycle.

B. Township Park Use Policy/Fee/Procedures

1. Policies & Procedure Manual – No update was made.

2. Park Fee Schedule – No update was made.

C. Administrative Services

1. Park Coordinator's Report

Parks Coordinator's Report dated January 18, 2019 was received and filed.

Dolan stated that they have directed the Township Planner to propose a conceptual design for more parking at the Municipal complex.

2. Senior/Community Center Report

Senior Center Report dated January 18, 2019 was received and filed.

3. Park Use Requests:

- A. Warriors Rugby Club – Spring Season – March 1 to June 16, 2019
- B. PHBSA – Spring Season – April 1 to July 31, 2019
- C. PHBSA – Tournament – May 18 & 19/June 1 & 2, 2019
- D. Hamburg Soccer Club – Spring Season – March 20 to July 28, 2019

Dolan stated that Pinckney Community Schools has approached the Township with a proposal to run the soccer program. No formal agreement has been agreed upon. HCSC has no more than a few Hamburg kids participating in their program and volunteerism isn't what it used to be. The Township Attorney is reviewing the current policy and recommends no action on park use until the review and recommendation is complete.

Jim Clark, HCSC, addressed the Committee. He stated that the park is plenty big enough for everyone and HCSC participants should not be deterred from using a public park. He stated that exclusive use isn't right, and the fees that Pinckney Community Schools are proposing seem to be double what HCSC is currently charging. He stated based on the current policy, HCSC is a category 3 and they are supposed to be granted priority use. In the fall they charge for an entire year of programming, and have collected fees that would cover the Spring 2019 season. Kids have already paid, they should be allowed to play.

Gary Parsons, HCSC, addressed the Committee. He stated we are reaping what we sowed by allowing other groups in here to use Township facilities.

Jim Clark, HCSC, addressed the Committee. Grass length continues to be an issue, and has been an on-going complaint that he has had to field from participants. He stated his participants are expecting to play in the spring, and they should be allowed to finish the season.

Sean Grace, Pinckney Community Schools, addressed the Committee. He stated the schools are looking to keep their program a community program and will welcome the support of volunteers.

Motion by Auxier, supported by Bennett, to take the Attorney's advise to table all park use applications until the February 26, 2019 meeting.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Muck)

MOTION CARRIED

4. Scholarship Program – No pending requests.

D. Special Projects

1. Batting Cage, T'Ball Fencing & Field Upgrade Project

Dolan stated fencing is up and benches will be ordered shortly.

2. Sun Shade for Adult Workout Area – Pending

Dolan stated there is no update on the shade, but the donation has been made.

Dolan stated that a bench has been ordered for Dale Bennett in honor of the years of service he has dedicated to the Township, and will be installed in the cemetery. He stated that similar benches will be made available for residents to purchase for other areas of the parkland/trails.

E. Sponsorships/Volunteerism/Scholarships

1. Eagle Scout Project – No update was made.

2. Beautification Committee – No update was made.

F. Signage and Community Awareness

1. Entrance Signs/Park Rules/Way-finding Signs – No update was made.

G. Risk Management (Insurance/ADA)

1. ADA Compliance in Parklands – No update was made.

10. Call to the Public

A call was made with no response.

11. Committee Comments

Auxier asked what the plan is for moving forward on park use applications.

Dolan explained the proposal by the Pinckney Community Schools.

Gary Parsons stated exclusivity is a big deal, and if you want HCSC out because you have cause, you should tell them why or give them a hearing.

Bennett announced he was stepping down from the Committee and this would be his last meeting.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Bennett, supported by Auxier, to adjourn the meeting.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: 4 Absent: 1 (Muck)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Henneman
Parks Coordinator

Deby Henneman

From: Jeffrey Muck - [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Deby Henneman; Mike Dolan
Subject: Re: Meeting Packet for Parks & Recreation - January 22, 2019 - 3:00 p.m.

Deby and Mike,

Sorry, but I am unable to attend today's meeting due to a presentation I have scheduled at U of M this afternoon.

Glad to see Deby is able to attend mParks this year. Looking forward to seeing her there.

I don't see any issues with the field requests except for Hamburg Soccer. My personal opinion is that the committee shouldn't accept the application until the updated certificate of insurance is submitted and the issues with their goals and equipment is resolved to staff's satisfaction. Since these have been on going issues with this group, I would take the hard line before passing any recommendation on approval on to the Township Board. Unless there is something I'm missing, I'd vote against. Sorry I can't be there to state this in person and vote.

Thanks,

Jeff

On Friday, January 18, 2019, 4:35:37 PM EST, Deby Henneman <Dhenneman@HAMBURG.MI.US> wrote:

Hi everyone:

Here is the link to the packet for next week's meeting.

<http://cms5.revize.com/revize/hamburgtownship/Parks%20&%20Rec/2019/012219%20Parks%20Packet.pdf>

Just a reminder that the Township Offices are closed on Monday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and I will be out Tuesday morning but will be in prior to our meeting.

Hope everyone has a great weekend!

Deby Henneman

Hamburg Township

Parks & Recreation Coordinator

Deby Henneman

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 10:02 PM
To: Deby Henneman; Mike Dolan
Subject: Hamburg Community Soccer Club - Hamburg Rush

Dear Mr. Dolan and Ms. Henneman,

The reason for my email is to let you know the tremendous value the Hamburg Community Soccer Club has been for my two boys. Not only is the instruction that they receive from Coach Clark delivered in a age appropriate manner, but the overall experience of being a part of the club has been positive.

The boys on the team have personally grown in their skills and each have contributed to the teams success. They truly play soccer the right way with class.

Like me, you would be proud of the way they positively represent Hamburg to the surrounding communities.

As you make decisions for this coming year with the soccer fields please know the positive impact that the soccer club is currently having on my boys.

Thank you,
Jake Baker