

Parks and Recreation Commission

February 7, 2007
Fillmore Street Complex
Conference Room D
4:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call: Oppenhuizen**
 - Brown**
 - Gajewski**
 - Kortman**
 - Kuyers**
 - Geerlings**
 - Bosgraaf**
 - Unema**
 - Sabine**
 - Jonas**
3. **Absences (excused/unexcused)**
4. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **Approve minutes of the Commission's January 3, 2007 annual meeting.**
- 6) **Communications:**
 - a) **Receive the letter and e-mails concerning potential equestrian use at the Upper Macatawa Conservation Area:**
 - **January 3 e-mail from Doug and Liz Notman**
 - **January 4 e-mail from Christine and Bob Gamble**
 - **January 8 letter from Doug and Liz Notman**
 - **January 10 letter from Thomas Hendrickson**
 - **January 22 e-mail from Judi Manning.**
 - **January 22 e-mail from Carl Manning**

- b) Receive the January 12 letter from Robert Vanderkamp relative to Hemlock Crossing.
- c) Receive the January 18 letter from Joyce D. Rhodes, Supervisor of Holland State Park, relative to a Use Permit for state land in conjunction with the Mt. Pisgah Dune Protection Project.
- d) Receive the January 21 e-mail from Randy Sawyer relative to Pigeon Creek Park sledding hills.
- e) Receive the January 24 e-mail from Rebecca Harkness relative to Riley Trails (also see Director's response).
- f) Receive the January 29 letter from Greg DeWeerd relative to North Ottawa Dunes master planning.
- g) Receive the following communications requesting Ottawa County Parks establish a dog park at the Fillmore at the Bend Open Space in Georgetown Township:
 - Receive letter from Jeff Larabel summarizing the dog park request and attached Mission Statement and Goals for the Georgetown Off Leash Dog Park Supporters.
 - Receive the December 5 letter from Nancy Pardo of Hudsonville supporting the proposed dog park.
 - Receive the December 18 letter from Mark Vanderploeg of Holland supporting the proposed dog park.
 - Receive the December 28 letter from Rebecca and Eric Rayl supporting the proposed dog park.
 - Acknowledge signed form letters supporting the proposed dog park from Phil Helms of Hudsonville, Millie Irwin of Vestaburg, Natasha Marzette of Grandville, Alicia Kooistra of Holland, Thomas Brown of West Olive, Christopher Bingham of Grand Rapids, Kimberly Vande Zande of Holland, Becky Stevens of Zeeland, Kris Tarrugia of Pulman, Susan Hertel of Whitehall, Wendy Tarrant of Walker, Sandy Bierby of Holland, Patty Arrzola of Walker, Dense Dahl of Hudsonville, Joyce Smith of Zeeland, Cal Rabbers of Hamilton and Dan Ladma of Grand Rapids.
 - Receive the December 19 letter from Joy Seeley of Allendale supporting the proposed dog park.
 - Receive e-mails of support for the proposed dog park from the following individuals: Dan Young, Tim Klein, Carrie Christian, Mike Schotenboer, Deborah Barko-Ledesma, Garry Sanders, Sue Kuzee, Shannon Key, Vicki VanderSloot, Brandie Tenney, Lynn Kamp, Deb Cambell, Alex Patterson, Nikki Gaines and Jennifer verhelst.

- h) Receive the January 20 e-mail from Kathy Kensil of Allendale *opposed* to the proposed dog park at Fillmore at the Bend Open Space.
 - i) Review comment cards received since the previous meeting.
- 7) Public Heard:
- 8) Financial Reports:
- a) Receive the report of Park and Recreation expenditures through December 31, 2006.
- 9) Staff Reports:
- a) Director's Report
 - b) Park Operations Superintendent's Report
- 10) Committee Reports:
- a) Receive the report of the Planning Committee meeting of January 10, 2007.
- 11) Old Business
- Project Updates (see Planning and Development Summary Report enclosed)*
- a) Upper Macatawa Conservation Area
 - Staff recommendation regarding equestrian trail issue
 - b) Park 12
 - c) Other Sites
 - d) Master Plans
 - e) Other Business
- 12) New Business
- 13) Public Heard:
- 14) Closed Session to Discuss Property Acquisition
- 15) Next meeting date: March 7, 2007 Location: Fillmore Street Complex
- 16) Adjournment
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