

Genoa Township Parks Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2011

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04

Members present: Mark Harmon (Chair)
Ron Staab (Vice Chair)
Sherri Shechinger
Phil Johnson
Jan Wise
Diana Howell
Joe Looby
Dick Rano
Nancy Smith
Bob Helm
Teresa Yu

Members Absent Dorothy Driskell
Laurie Schulze
John Herschl

Others Present: Ron Keil (staff)
Joe Clase (staff)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 7.

July 7 regular meeting minutes: motion to approve made by Diana Howell and seconded by Sherri Schechinger. Unanimously approved.

July 27 special meeting minutes: motion to approve made by Diana Howell and seconded by Sherri Schechinger. Unanimously approved.

3. Formulate fundraising opportunities – Mark Harmon/Joe Clase

The following ideas were mentioned:

- Regarding trail around Hoover, start a link on the Genoa Township site to the Hoover Trail, give public as much info as plan progress, link to donations (including corporate) – Diana Howell
- Barbecue/Hog Roast – Joe Clase
- Black tie dinner – Joe Clase
- Country western event (along with the Hog Roast) – Dick Rano
- Casino Night – Mark Harmon

- Raffle with local businesses donating prizes – Nancy Smith/Phil Johnson
- Golf tournament that will rotate through local courses; have the courses donate whatever is needed; along with a round of golf can have fun events (hole in one contests) – Ron Staab
- Fishing tournament (separate from fishing day) as a fundraiser – Ron Staab
- Annual not a gala gala: send invitations and you send a donation but don't attend anything – Sherri Schechinger
- Name the park contest, charging for an entry; would have to have specific guidelines; related to our creating a theme for each park – Ron Staab
- Sell parts of things, such as railing pickets on the fishing pier (like a paver program) – Ron Staab
- Scavenger hunt – Sherri Schechinger
- Community yard sale – Phil Johnson

4. Discussion of Jaycox Park development proposal

Opening comments from Mark Harmon noting the following:

- There are no other alternative sites for THIS proposal (four soccer fields plus other amenities)
- The property will stay undeveloped for some time if this proposal is not accepted.
- COSA is willing to take on the maintenance.
- Development will amend the drainage issue.
- The proposal will bring water/sewer and power to the middle of the property
- Every other park with the exception of McNamara has portable restroom facilities so placing them at this park for the time being is a typical amenity.
- It is not feasible to make this a turnkey park when funds are available. All other parks have been a progression, including McNamara
- We should work to keep the athletes in the township

Mark Harmon made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed development plan by COSA to the Trustees. Seconded by Nancy Smith.

Discussion:

- Each of the townships 10 parks is different and each park should be usable to those who live near it as well as a destination for other residents.
- Ron Staab asked, if we had the money to develop this park, would we do the same improvements?
- During the last review of the township parks the “plan” for Jaycox was to keep the sledding hill, to have some sort of play area, to keep it more rural, to perhaps use it as an area for nature education events. The last plan did not look beyond a few years as there were no funds available for development Jaycox as there were other priorities and ongoing projects.
- Jaycox Road would be a good place to have a sport-oriented facility/park, and COSA running the athletic association is attractive. There is a need for a dedicated place for organized sport in the community not like Freeman Road park that is used beyond its capacity.
- Though we're not getting the amenities the nearby residents would like in Phase 1, we are getting many. Additional information/suggestions can be included in the recommendation to the Trustees

- COSA would be required to maintain the property including the portable restroom in lieu of permanent restrooms.
- The play area is an important feature but won't be able to be included immediately due to lack of funding. It was suggested the neighborhood could get together and organize the donation of materials and neighborhood volunteers to construct a playground and equipment. Creative options to get the play area sooner rather than later could be explored by the neighboring residents.
- Having a sport organization for the township to monitor and manage the park will be a plus
- The board would still like to have concrete recommendations from the neighboring residents regarding what they would want in the park, not just hear about what they don't want.

Following additional discussion, Joe Looby amended the motion recommending the Trustees approve the concept plan and draft agreement from COSA, noting that the PAB had the following concerns:

- The location of access drive directly across from a resident drive way
- Input from the neighbors be considered, particularly regarding amenities;
- COSA provide a detailed list of items in Phase 1;
- Ensure adequate screening for adjacent properties;
- Ensure an adequate barrier between sled hill and highway;
- Include specific details regarding the portion of fee per player allocated to township

This amended motion was seconded by Jan Wise.

Nancy Smith further amended the motion that the lease agreement should specify no tournaments.

The chairman called the vote with the following:

- Ayes: Ron Staab; Nancy Smith; Phil Johnson; Jan Wise; Joe Looby ; Mark Harmon
- Nos: Bob Helm; Sherri Shechinger; Dick Rano; Diana Howell; Teresa Yu

The motion carried 6 to 5

The proposal and action item will be presented to Trustees.

5. Update on McNamara Park by Joe Clase

Grading started this week and the Township starts their work next week

Tennis courts update:

A survey was submitted to those who wanted the courts, based on the previous survey, and from that six volunteers were identified to create a committee to help fundraise.

One of the fundraisers is the raffle. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Raffle tickets to sell are available from Ron Keil.

The Tennis tournament is scheduled for October 8 with a barbecue immediate following play. The barbecue will require separate tickets, which are available for sale.

6. Discussion of fundraising opportunities (Joe Clase)

The list generated in agenda item 3 was distributed to PAB members. Each was asked to select their top 5-6. The events would be on going events and not necessarily park or improvement specific.

7. Parks Manager Monthly Report (Ron Keil

The monthly report will be distributed via email

8. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Rano and seconded by Jan Wise. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.