

CALL TO ORDER

The July 15, 2013 Special Joint Meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Board of Trustees and the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Supervisor Gonser at 7:00 p.m. in the boardroom of the Township Hall.

TOWNSHIP BOARD

PRESENT: Terry Gonser, Supervisor
Karen Reilly, Clerk
Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer
Judy Keyes, Trustee
Maureen Thalmann, Trustee
Michael Bailey, Trustee
Sharon McKay, Trustee

PARKS & RECREATION

PRESENT: David Mackley, Chair
Alice Tombouliau, Vice Chair
Roger Schmidt, Treasurer
Ann Marie Rogers, Secretary
Andy Zale
Joe Peruzzi
Colleen Barkham

ABSENT: None
A quorum was present for both.

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ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll was called for the Township Board and Parks and Recreation Commission.

Supervisor Gonser led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Supervisor Gonser welcomed those present, and gave the reasons for the meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Cammy Mannino
John Markel
Frank Ferriolo
Bob Sirna
Richard Michalski
All spoke.

HISTORY OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (PRC)

Alice Tombouliau gave a brief description of the history of the Commission, their work, accomplishments, grants, and purchases. She also spoke about the support of the citizens of parks and millage approvals and the use of those funds.

Chair Mackley reviewed past operational relationships with Township Boards and his perception of the situation with the current Township Board.

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READING AND CLARIFICATION OF WRITTEN POSITION STATEMENTS FROM THE PRC FOLLOWED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING:

- A. Authority of the Board of Trustees to review and approve/reject the Parks and Recreation Commission budget for the parks maintenance fund, which is comprised of the Parks Fund and Land Preservation Fund.
- B. Extent of authority of the Board of Trustees to review and approve/reject the Parks and Recreation Commission budget for the parks maintenance fund, which is comprised of the Parks Fund and Land Preservation Fund.
- C. Authority of the Board of Trustees to take control of the Land Preservation Millage funds from the Parks and Recreation Commission, including the acquisition of future parks and the operation, management, and maintenance of the many parks that have been acquired with such funds.
- D. Extent of the authority of the Board of Trustees relative to the budgeting, hiring, and control of the staff of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION: Attorneys, Commissioners and Board members discussed these issues concentrating on C and D. Attorney Kelly indicated that the authority of the Land Preservation budget has in the past been delegated to the PRC. Attorney Joppich stated that those Land Preservation funds can only be used for Parks, and statutorily are the responsibility of the PRC. However, all agreed that the Land Preservation budget like the Parks and Recreation budget must be approved by the Township Board. The Township and the PRC also discussed the use of Land Preservation funds, where those funds are expended, and the accountability of the use of those funds. PRC suggestion was to include the Board toward a cooperative effort in generation of the Land Preservation budget. Discussion also took place regarding the responsibility of that fund to pay for stewardship and preservation. It was discussed that there are some personnel costs that are shared between the Parks and Recreation budget and Land Preservation budget. There was discussion regarding the differences of business and government, and the process for the approval of invoices and payment of bills. On item D: there was also discussion regarding PRC personnel and who directs those personnel. There was consensus that Township personnel policies and procedures should be followed. Both groups agreed that better communication was in order.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVED MINUTES – JOINT MEETING W/PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
July 15, 2013

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Karen Reilly, Clerk
OT Board of Trustees

Terry Gonser, Supervisor
OT Board of Trustees