

Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Special Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gant.

Members Present: Speed Gant, Charles Coleman (late 7:50 p.m.), Ken Askew, Ralph Nodwell, Mark Duff, Clerk Wright, Director Ross, Deputy Director Wright, Parks Manager Burns and Recording Secretary Harman.

Absent:

Excused: Joy Ann Ferris and Darris Meredith

Members of the Audience: Heather McPhail and Chris Khorey of McKenna & Associates and an audience of fifteen (15).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Nodwell moved, Askew seconded to approve the agenda of January 18, 2011 as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Wright moved, Nodwell seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2010 with the correction of Nodwell being listed under members present. Motion Carried.

Public Workshop: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Director Ross introduced Heather McPhail and Chris Khorey of McKenna and Associates to the Recreation Committee members and audience and expressed the importance of a Master Plan.

Heather McPhail gave an overview of what a Master Plan is and asked the audience for their input. Audience and Committee members were broken down into 5 groups (young children, teens, seniors, adults and other). Each group was asked to come up with 3-5 answers to the following 3 questions:

1. What do like most that is currently being offered?
2. What do you like the least about current offerings?
3. What do you think the township needs to add to the current offerings?

Answers to group questions were placed on bulletin pads. Each group member was given 5 stickers and asked to place them next to the offerings they would like to see the township add from question number 3. The most desired needs for the township generated from the lists by the 5 groups were:

Marketing/Communication – 31 votes

Multi Purpose Facility – 25 votes

Bike/Trails – 21 votes

McPhail thanked the audience and Committee members for their participation and explained the next steps to follow the public workshop. Public review of the Master Plan will be in the next couple weeks.

ADJOURNMENT: Duff moved, Coleman supported to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman, Recording Secretary