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## DELHI TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD January 11, 2022

The Delhi Charter Township Parks and Recreation Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2022, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, Michigan. Meeting called to order by Dennis Fulk at 5:30 pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Leonard, Ray King, Steve Warfield, Paul Dykema, Dennis Fulk, Sue Lierman, and Phil Knapman

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Troy Stowell, Parks and Recreation Director

#### Comments from the Public

Kim Jenks e-mailed she understands at this evening's meeting there will be discussion on the fate of the fountain at Veteran's Memorial Gardens. I am asking that serious consideration be named for replacement with another water feature, if the current fountain is deemed not repairable.

This park has always been a gem in our community, and the fountain itself has provided a beautiful backdrop for many weddings, prom, graduation, and other special event photographs for many, many residents. Several have returned year after year for that very reason.

The fountain is the main attraction at the entrance of the park and has been featured on the township website as well as all of the flyers I received during the park mileage. I understood when I voted for the park mileage that I was voting in part on funds to maintain a beautiful fountain. As I am sure did other Delhi residents.

During Covid, community education took our exercise classes outdoors and we eventually wound up in the circle area in front of the fountain. We have enjoyed the beauty of the park for the past two years and have anxiously awaited the day when the fountain would be running again. In the meantime, we also enjoyed the beautiful Christmas lights, that light up

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every evening when we are there, especially the blue and white ones on the fountain along with the penguins!

Please think long and hard about how much this fountain and/or another water feature of beauty, in its place, would continue to benefit our community.

Secondly, as you assess and prioritize the Parks Department for 2023 I would also ask that you take seriously the needs of our senior citizens. Our seniors need to have a safe haven and place to call their very own. As a member and volunteer at the Sam Corey Senior Center I know our center is the envy of many. Most activities are offered free of charge, which enables all seniors access to exercise, games such as bingo and euchre, lunch and so much more, regardless of their ability to pay. The center is a home away from home for so many seniors because it is also a place where they socialize, build friendships and have interaction that they cannot get if they are home alone.

However, if the Senior Center turns into a place where community events, for people of all ages occur then it is no longer a “Senior Center”, and the vision that Sam Corey had so many years ago is lost. I think that would be very sad. I also feel it would no longer stay a safe haven, eventually needing supervision or security in house at all open hours.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration in these important matters.

Most Sincerely,

Kimberly S. Gamet Jenks, Delhi Township resident  
1907 Hamilton Street  
Holt, MI. 48842

## **Set/Adjust Agenda**

None

## **Unfinished Business**

None

## **Consent Agenda**

1)

- a) Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2022
  - i) Motion by Lierman, supported by Leonard; Approved Unanimously
- b) Approval of Claims- November 1, 2022; November 15, 2022; November 29, 2022; December 16, 2022

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- i) Motion by Lierman, supported by Leonard; Approved Unanimously

## **New Business**

- a. Veteran's Memorial Park Fountain
  - i. Stowell outline options and costs. Dykema commented he favored keeping some type of fountain on the site. Ray King wants to know what happened to funding we put forward and Stowell said that was expended finding out what was wrong with the fountain. King asked for financial accounting of funds budgeted for the fountain. Fulk states the fountain is an important part of the community. Lierman supports Fulk.
  - ii. A motion is made - The Parks Commissions supports a water feature to replace the existing unrepairable fountain at Veteran's Memorial Gardens and that it be budgeted and installed in the near future. Moved by King, Supported by Knapman – Approved Unanimous
- b. 2023 Parks Department Priorities Discussion
  - i. The two received grants were mentioned. The rest of the report was outlined and discussed. Fulk and King state they don't think there should be non-senior programing at the Sam Cory Senior Center.
- c. Fulk requests an annual meeting with the Township Board of Trustees to discuss park issues with the Trustees.
- d. Patronicity Program was mentioned.
- e. Election of Officers - President, Vice President and Secretary. President - Lierman nominates Fulk, Warfield supports – Approved Unanimous; Vice President - Lierman nominates Warfield and Warfield nominates Knapman both supported by King. Warfield is Elected by a vote of 6 to 1. Secretary - Fulk nominated Dykema, Knapman seconds; Elected Unanimously.

## **Items Removed From Consent Agenda For Discussion**

### **Late Agenda Items**

- 3. None

### **Reports**

- 4. Director –
- 5. Commissioners – King stated Park Commission meetings should not be cancelled.

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## Limited Comments

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm by Warfield, supported by King. Motion carried.

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Dennis Fulk, Chairperson