

Wallace Township Parks & Rec Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 19, 2005

Meeting commenced at 7:30PM.

Attendees: Mark Bainbridge, Jill Givler, Mary Jacobsen, Greg Newell, Brian McDonough, Janet Grashof (PC), and from the Hankin Group were Rick, Jim, Mike and Stacey.

Supervisor's Meeting Report – Greg attended the September Supervisor's meeting. Topics that pertain to the Parks were the issue of deer hunting. Due to the deer problem, there is hunting allowed in Alice Park. There is also an archery group that is asking to be allowed to hunt deer in the township. The Supervisors are considering this.

Hankin Presentation – The group explained their plan according to the map. Most of the houses are planned on farm fields to avoid cutting down trees. There will be a large woodlands Preserve that will be dedicated to the Township within 5 years of the beginning of Phase I. Phase I (Central Phase) is estimated to take 4-5 years to complete. Phases II & III (Eastern & Western phases) are also estimated to take 4-5 years each to complete. With Phase II will be a Park that will also be dedicated to the Township.

The Preserve will consist of existing woodlands and trails. There will be three types of trails within this project. The first type will be public trails on Twp controlled land. The second type will be trails that are easements on private property that can be used by the public. The third type will be private trails on land controlled by the homeowners association. This trail system will begin with Phase I.

The recreation park will consist of 2 full size baseball fields. If this plan changes, the Hankin Group will notify the P&R Board.

The P&R Board is grateful to the Hankin Group for their very informative presentation. The group answered any of the board's questions to our satisfaction.

Correspondences – There were two field usage applications. One was for the GGS usage of Wagenseller Park from 8/1 – 11/13. This was approved.

There was also a usage application for Wagenseller Park from the March Creek Eagles for 5 & 6 year olds flag football one night a week. This was approved with the stipulation that they will coordinate field usage with Dennis Shores (GGS).

Field usage seems to be picking up. Kim currently handles coordinating these. With new parks coming online, the board is getting concerned that coordinating field usage may become very burdensome for Kim and may require additional help in the future. This is just a note for future reference.

Committee Reports

WTPA – they are working with the Hankin Group to have perimeter trails in the Phase I plan.

GEYA – no new report.

GGS – they have submitted a 2005 field usage summary.

DARC – the summer program for Wagenseller Park was not successful. There was not enough participation. DARC has a new assistant director. The schools that DARC uses are now beginning to charge for usage of their facilities. This is a big problem because it will cause higher rates for DARC programs.

Open Space – there will be a vote on this November's election ballot to approve a .025% tax for Open Space Referendum.

Planning Commission – see Hankin Groups Presentation. Janet also gave the board some more details on the plan.

Old Business

1. Eagle Scout Project – Jason McDowell is still working on a plan.

New Business

1. Halloween Party – the Halloween Party will be held on Monday, Oct 31st. Creek Road will be blocked off for Trick-or-Treaters from 5:30 – 7:00PM. The party and costume contest will be held at Wagenseller Park from 7:00 – 8:30PM.
2. Tree Lighting/Bonfire – this will be held on Sun, Dec 4th at the Twp Building, beginning at 7:00PM. Santa should be there around 7:30PM.

Supervisor's Meetings

October – Jim

November – Mary

December – Mark

Meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.