

# Charter Township of Orion

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## Orion Community Programs

### Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

### March Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order at 6:07
  - a. Present- Penny Shults, Ken Grant, Robb York, Logan Kaiser, Joan Rolwing, Jeff Stout, Jeff Menig, John Sweet, Lisa Sokol, Garry Reynolds.
  - b. Absent- Greg Radyko (with notice), Aaron Whatley (with notice), Steve Frye (with notice).
2. Approval of minutes from February meeting tabled until next meeting.
3. Pending Business
  - a. 5 year document
    - i. Need community program plan
      1. Revisit attendance and cost of community program events to see if the program is worth the time and effort to continue
      2. The list needs to be created manually by Lisa after every event.
      3. Currently missing activities from November and December
    - ii. Working on draft for a presentation to the Board
      1. Include some items from master plan
      2. Include some items not from master plan such as:
        - a. Pole barn to move township equipment out of Porritt barn
        - b. Developing Harworth School and Porritt Barn
        - c. Decker Park ice rink
        - d. Lights on Decker Park sled hill
        - e. Skate park
        - f. Joan requests other items of interest
  - b. Grants
    - i. Joan has emailed a list of grants for members of the committee to see if it is something the township can apply for. Even if the information does not pertain to parks and rec, other township departments may be able to utilize.
    - ii. Lisa wants to add a sponsorship list and a tracker on grants applied for with a status.
  - c. Grant Status
    1. The community has received 5 small grants the range from \$500- \$1,500 each for Friends of Orion Seniors

2. Jeff received \$11,000 of grants from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority to add cameras to the parks
3. Arron has applied for a tree grant
4. Lisa is working on a ball field lighting grant from LWCF
5. Applied for Brookside Way Grant for Run Wild, Concert in the Park, and partner with Waste Management for wild life house.

d. Action Items List

- i. Add more baseball lighting grants
- ii. Get PRAC on the Board agenda in May
- iii. Work on Friendship and Civic Center Parks 10 year plan
- iv. See about making 2D layouts of the parks
- v. Find out what Bald Mountain and Orion Oaks are doing in the future
- vi. Set-up meeting at Friendship park to go over Howarth School
- vii. Water and Sewer owns McConnell Field and it is not for sale.

4. New Business- Joan requests input on what should be included to presentation to the Board

5. Directors' Report

a. Lisa

- i. Have formed partnership with Beaumont Hospital for health checks with in the Orion Center
- ii. Rentals of the Orion Center are filling up
- iii. Not enough parking at Orion Center
- iv. Evaluating Green Expo
  1. 27 vendors
  2. 200 visitors
  3. Happened in March
- v. Getting rid of Summer Sizzle
- vi. Extend Big Rig Gig with outdoor movie
- vii. Looking to add movies to Wildwood
- viii. Programs seem to be full or flops

b. Jeff

- i. The frost is still one to three feet thick
- ii. Soccer fields have been destroyed by vehicles
- iii. Safety paths will continue down Indian Wood and Clarkston Rds.
- iv. Will spend money on safety path repairs and maintenance
- v. Potential for developer donation of a parking lot and baseball fields to Decker Park
- vi. Power and lights will be added to Decker parking lots
- vii. Water and Sewer are adding a pump house that will have attached restrooms to the West side of Friendship park
- viii. Porritt barn has been inspected and is in fine shape

- ix. Haworth School has been inspected and there are some areas for remediation which are being addressed. School is set on blocks without mortar and there are other improvements that would be needed in order to utilize Howarth school for any kind of event.
  - x. Friendship park place structure grand opening April 12 at noon.
  - xi. Keeping the safety paths plowed all winter was great PR for the township
  - xii. In 2016, M-24 will be redone from Harmon to Skalnic Ford. East side of road will have a continuous safety path.
6. No public comments
7. Motion to adjourn by Ken Grant, seconded by Robb York. Meeting adjourned at 8:20