

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

**January 6, 2013**

**7:30 pm**

**4230 Iroquois Avenue**

**MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**

# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2013

7:30 pm

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Recreation Board President Corey Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. In attendance Corey Bartlett, Al Gesler, Tom Roberts, James Van Dyne and Commissioner Jean Rodemaker.

Tom Brown moved and Al Gesler seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting.

General discussion was made of concerts for this coming summer. Suggestions were made that new music might be featured at some concerts with garage bands and other bands playing current music. Thoughts were expressed to change the night of the concerts to avoid conflicts with Harborcreek concerts. No decisions or motions were made.

Ms. Rodemaker announced that the Fourth of July parade will originate at Iroquois High School and follow the traditional route. She and Jan Cabaday will be planning the parade line up. She also advised that the invitations will include a polite but firm notice that pre-registration is absolutely required this year and any late arrivals on the Fourth of July who have not pre-registered will be turned away. Also discussed was the closing of Township roads. Main Street will be closed from Priestley Avenue to Iroquois Avenue but that Priestley, Newton, Rumsey and Napier will be open to traffic up until the time of the parade and will be reopened after the parade ends. Smithson Avenue will be kept open until 2 pm and then will also be closed. Rankine and Silliman Avenues will be blocked off at Main Street at 2 pm. Ms. Rodemaker noted that Harborcreek Township will not be participating in the July Fourth celebration this year and has promised to loan its traffic barricades (saw horses) to Perry 200 and that we need to find someone else's to borrow for the holiday.

Ms. Rodemaker advised that the Perry 200 group wants all county fireworks under its auspices and has said it will give Lawrence Park money for its parade if the Township agrees to not have fireworks this year. The Perry 200 group plans to have fireworks in North East, West County, at the Bay and South County. None of which will be visible in Lawrence Park. Ms. Rodemaker also said that Zambelli, the fireworks company, has told her that no matter how much the Township gives them, the best that they can do for Lawrence Park is an \$11, 000 show package due to the constraints of our area. Discussion ranged back and forth on the Recreation about whether or not to cooperate with the Perry 200 group and finally a consensus was reached that the Township residents wanted fireworks. The fireworks display have been a tradition of over 40 years in Lawrence Park and that the Perry 200 does not have the authority to punish Lawrence Park for non-cooperation other than to withhold funds and that the general feeling is that the rest of the county would not change its opinion of Lawrence Park one way or another over this issue. The board unanimously voted to recommend that Lawrence Park contract to have its fireworks display this year.

Tom Brown motioned adjournment, Al Gesler seconded and the unanimous vote came at 8:35 to close the meeting.

# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2013

7:30 pm

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Meeting was called to order by Corey Bartlett at 7:36 pm, present was Corey Bartlett, Tom Brown, Tom Roberts, Jim Van Dyne and Jean Rodemaker

Minutes of the February Recreation Board meeting were amended by motion from Tom Roberts who noted that he was mistakenly identified as Tom Brown twice in the minutes whereas Tom Brown had not been present at that meeting. Minutes were unanimously amended and accepted.

It was noted by all present that the township office is no longer notifying recreation board members prior to meeting dates. Secretary Jim Van Dyne was delegated to contact the township office about this.

Tom Roberts raised the question of the unfilled school representative seat. It was noted that the Iroquois School Board is allocated two seats, Steve Cabaday occupies one but the other has been vacant to at least two years. Mr. Bartlett noted that the school had been running a citizenship program in years past and a student was appointed to that seat to serve his or her senior year for credit to this program but that the program ended and the school has not filled the vacancy. Prior to this practice, the school board appointed two adults to the recreation board. Ms. Rodemaker advised that there is a school board member who has contacted her with interest in being appointed to the Recreation Board and is seeking appointment from the School Board.

Jean Rodemaker produced a list of past Fourth of July parade participants and asked the board members to help her thin the list of unlikely respondents.

At this time, 7:47 pm, Al Gesner arrived, he explained that he had been unavoidably detained. The meeting proceeded with work on the list. No vote was needed for this activity.

Ms. Rodemaker advised that there can be six concerts at the Gazebo this summer. Dates were set for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. She said bands have been contacting her already to inquire about being hired. Jim Van Dyne advised that the number of paying venues has become restricted due to many clubs cutting live bands from weekly to bi-weekly activities due to budget constraints. Ms. Rodemaker introduced discussion as to changing the night so as to not conflict with live weekly music at other townships but she and the board came to the conclusion that Wednesday night remains the best night. She revealed that she is thinking about hiring some high school "garage bands" for a couple of showings to maybe lure in a younger crowd. There was some discussion that we might try to persuade a local store to give out hot dogs and maybe coupons during concerts. This will be explored.

The board decided by consensus that the annual park walk-through will be April 27<sup>th</sup> and that the parks will officially open June 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be at least three "street dances" scheduled June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and August 4<sup>th</sup> all being held in the elementary school parking lot.

Ms. Rodemaker announced that there was a \$10,000 gift from the Lawrence Park Athletic Club for improvements at Curtis Park.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 on a motion from Jim Van Dyne, seconded by Tom Roberts. Vote was unanimous.

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

7:00 p.m.

April 1, 2013

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Meeting Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2013

7:30 pm

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Corey Bartlett, Tom Roberts, Tom Brown, Steven Cabaday, Albert Gesler, Jean Rodemaker and Jim VanDyne were present. Meeting was called to order 7:35 pm.

As there was no meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, the minutes of the March meeting were unanimously accepted as they were written on a motion by Tom Roberts and seconded by Steven Cabaday.

The walk-through of April 27<sup>th</sup> was discussed. Mrs. Rodemaker advised that the new equipment for the Lake Cliff playground is expected to be up in two weeks, that some of the parts are here already and in the township garage. Mrs. Rodemaker also said that the township was considering sending a letter to all Lawrence Park residents asking for tax-deductible donations to pay for more equipment.

Tom Roberts asked if there were any plans to use the old tennis court areas in Napier Park that are fenced-off but Mrs. Rodemaker said that the only foreseeable use is the revitalization plan when that is implemented. Mr. Roberts also suggested that the township commissioners revisit the salt storage staging areas before next winter as the salt badly damaged the areas where it was stored this past winter.

Mrs. Rodemaker announced that there is a \$500,000 grant to refurbish Lake Cliff, Trekker and stage 1 of the Napier Park project as well as to fund the creation of a trail through Lake Cliff Park to the boat launch.

Mr. Bartlett reported that the summer staffing for the parks program is underway now that applications have been received and interviews are being conducted.

Mrs. Rodemaker announced that the street dances are all booked with same DJ as last year. The bands for all concerts are booked; Zack Knight, Cocoon Time, Generic Grass and Loose Change.

Mr. Bartlett asked about the July Fourth parade planning and Mrs. Rodemaker said that she needed to check and see if many applications for the parade were in yet. Al Gesler asked if the police could be instructed traffic must leave the High School parking lot in one direction despite what the "One-Way" signs might say. Mrs. Rodemaker advised that those signs will be covered by black plastic the day of the parade. Mrs. Rodemaker also advised that Lisa Zompa will be announcing the parade.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. Next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **L.P. Recreation Board Minutes from 6/2/2013**

**President Corey Bartlett called the meeting to order at 7:40. Present were Mr. Bartlett, Tom Brown, Tom Roberts, Al Gesler, Commissioner Jean Rodemaker and secretary Jim Van Dyne.**

**President Corey Bartlett said he had no agenda for this night's meeting.**

**Tom Roberts moved to accept the minutes of the May Meeting and Al Gesler seconded the motion, passage was unanimous.**

**Commissioner Rodemaker reported that picnic benches are needed for Curtis Park and Lakecliff Park where picnic benches were broken up by vandals during the winter. She also reported that the new piece of equipment to be erected at the Lakecliff playground is missing two large sections which were not shipped. The manufacturer has been contacted and the pieces are expected by Thursday, this week.**

**Mrs. Rodemaker also reported that there will be four full time staffers and 1 part-time "floater" for the playground programs. She said that opening day programs at the two parks tentively include water balloons and icecream.**

**Mr. Bartlett broached the subject of the July 4th parade. Mrs. Rodemaker said there was no count yet on the participants. She said state representative Glenn Thompson will be in the parade although he could not make the Memorial Day service.**

**Mrs. Rodemaker announced that there would be no Party on Main Street this year because the Merchants declined to conduct the program this year. She noted that the Party on Main was always a function done by the merchants and not the township. She said she will make an announcement through Fox 66/channel 24**

**Mrs. Rodemaker said she is trying to get a band for July Fourth before the fireworks at the foot ball field. There will be access to the restrooms at the foot ball field stands. Lisa Zompa will be one of the parade judges and there was discussion of electrical power for the judges' stage.**

**Mrs Rodemaker advised that she will contact Steve Cabaday to arrange bottled water for the parade walkers.**

**Mrs. Rodemaker announced that the first concert will be June 12th and the first street dance on the 14th. The Lawrence Park Historical Society will provide snacks for sale during the street dance.. If there is rain on the night of the 14, the dance will move indoors.**

**A work session to finalize parade preparations was set for July 1st.**

**Jim Van Dyne moved to adjourn and Tom Brown seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous and the meeting ended at 8:20pm.**

# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2013

7:30 pm

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Chairman Corey Bartlett called the meeting to order 7:30 pm with himself, Al Gesler, Tom Roberts, Jean Rodemaker and Jim Van Dyne present.

Minutes of the June meeting were accepted unanimously on a motion from Mr. Roberts and seconded by Pastor Gesler.

The board discussed the July Fourth parade. Mr. Bartlett said everyone he spoke to said the parade was good. He and Ms. Rodemaker acknowledged that the fire companies were not good about cutting off the sirens as they passed Twin Brook nursing home. Mrs. Rodemaker suggested that the township might experiment with larger temporary signs. A sign used in North East for the Cherry parade was discussed. Mr Bartlett said congestion was avoided by not closing Main Street until the time of the parade and was one of the best decisions made that day.

The party on Main Street which was not held this year was discussed. Mr. Bartlett said that without the Party on Main Street, the Fourth of July returned to being a family celebration. Mrs. Rodemaker said she thinks the township will be opposed to a Party on Main Street in the future.

Mrs. Rodemaker said that the playground program was winding down and that they plan to do one more camp fire and she hopes to do a movie night at Curtis Park.

Mrs. Rodemaker announced that the Township is planning to make a new Tekker Park with money from DCNR and PenDOT. She said if they can get the grant they are seeking, they will finish Lakecliff Park by installing more playground equipment and complete a hiking trail from the top of Lakecliff Park to the Boat Ramp. Jim Van Dyne suggested that the "lets Move Outside" trail be extended to include this trail when it is completed and Mrs. Rodemaker said this would be possible in 2015.

Mrs. Rodemaker said the Township is considering a "snack shack" for the playgrounds like Harborcreek has and if this can be done, the proceeds could pay for equipment at the parks.

Pastor Gesler noted that he heard nothing of free community days at the Tri-Community pool and everyone present agreed that they had not heard any announcements either. Al Gesler volunteered to represent the township on the Tri-Community Pool board and noted that the Township pays it's portion for the pool and the agreement was to have free community swim days.

There was discussion of waste disposal and it was noted that the township pays \$60,000 of the Waste Management fees to reduce the bills for the residents.

**The Recreation Board adjourned by consensus at 8:15pm**



# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 6, 2013

7:30 pm

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present were Chairman Corey Bartlet, Tom Roberts, Al Gesler and James Van Dyne. Mr Tom Brown arrived after the meeting opened.

Mr Bartlet called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and announced there was no agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Bartlet called for the acceptance of the August 4 minutes as there had not been a meeting in September due to lack of quorum. Mr. Brown arrived. Tom Roberts moved acceptance of the August minutes, Dr. Gesler seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept.

Mr. Gesler announced that he has been unanimously appointed to the Tri-Community Pool Authority. He said the had notified the township police of this but there had been no word from Mr. Crotty on the matter.

No one had any other business.

Jim Van Dyne moved for adjournment, Tom Brown seconded and there was an unanimous vote. meeting closed at 7:39pm

**LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
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**December 1, 2013**

**7:30 pm**

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# LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2013

7:30 pm

4230 Iroquois Avenue

Present were Chairman Corey Bartlett, Tom Roberts, Al Gesler and James Van Dyne and Jean Rodemaker.

Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Tom Roberts moved that the October minutes be accepted; Al Gesler seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Bartlett announced that he had very little material for the meeting's agenda.

Ms. Rodemaker discussed next year's parks program. She said she'd like to have a party to mark the opening of the parks. The board discussed likely opening date and settled on the second Monday after school closing for the summer. Tentative date set for June 9, 2014.

General discussion was entertained about the youth dances in 2014 and questions of venue were raised. Difficulties caused by rain this past year discussed.

Jim Van Dyne moved to adjourn and Tom Roberts seconded. Meeting closed at 8:28 pm.

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