

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

September 15, 2021  
Regular meeting  
6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Shuff called the regular Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker, Tom Shuff, Karen Simmons, Jeremy Van Hoven

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

STAFF PRESENT: Al Meshkin – Township Manager  
Brett Grams – Parks maintenance  
Jim Hayden – Recording secretary

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Becker, seconded by Van Hoven, to approve Aug. 18, 2021, minutes. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

**Motion by Van Hoven, seconded by Becker, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Shuff called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED**

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS

Meshkin updated commissioners on township board actions.

ARTICLE V. STAFF REPORTS

Grams reported that he is preparing for the Sept. 16 United Way Day of Caring.

ARTICLE VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. PARKS SIGNS: WELCOMING, DOGS AND OTHER

The commission discussed sign designs from Patty Meyer. Meshkin said there are two types of signs – welcoming signs and 4x8 signs similar to kiosks with information. The sign prototype was well received by the commission. Shuff will speak with Meyer and the commission will address the signs at the next meeting.

B. TRAIL MARKERS FOR HUYSER AND FARVIEW

Simmons will work on installation of trail markers, aiming for Oct. 1 completion.

C. PARKS PUBLIC RELATIONS

Meshkin handed out information from Tom Page about public relations for a possible millage.

D. DAY OF CARING

The commission discussed plans for the Sept. 17 United Way Day of Caring.

Commissioners arranged equipment distribution and pickup.

ARTICLE VII. NEW BUSINESS -- None

ARTICLE VIII. CITIZENS COMMENTS

William Kazanova, 6750 Halcyon Drive: President of the Halcyon Hills Association. Asked if the commission has received a packet of information and letters regarding the Woodhams & Oosterbaan P.U.D. Request, 6668 142<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Asked when the commission will be addressing the possibility of township owned land adjoining the Laketown Beach. Said it is important the concerns of residents be taken care of, not necessarily the desires of visitors. Residents want an opportunity to discuss possible land acquisition from the P.U.D. Shuff said the commission needs to read the packet and letters before it can react and the issue will be on the agenda. Meshkin explained which township boards and commissions handle which issues regarding the property.

David Finkbeiner, 4210 Hogback Road, via Zoom: Noted letter on open space and looks forward to comment when the issue is in the commission agenda.

Linda Kazanova, 6750 Halcyon Drive: Asked the commission how it sees its role or charter, what is its duty to citizens who live near the park regarding issues including nuisance, trespassing and dune preservation. Asked what are the safeguards and supervision close to the park and what is the township's duty to people living around the park and protecting nature.

ARTICLE IX. ADJOURNMENT

Shuff adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.