

PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 17, 2007

The Aurelius Township Park Committee met at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, MI, on September 17, 2007.

Present: Members Carr, Fanson, Green, Larsen, Loucks, Carol Thompson and Mert Thompson.

Absent: Member Snow.

Also Present: Donna Lawson, Clerk.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. All joined in the pledge to the United States flag.

Minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting were approved.

The Committee was informed that the reconstruction of the Columbia Creek Park restroom roof has been completed. The Park will be open weekends only for the month of September and closed for the season on October 1, 2007.

Member Thompson asked about results to the question in the newsletter as to how residents feel about reconstruction of a backstop at Columbia Creek Park. Clerk Lawson responded that there were only 5 who responded and they all said "no".

The Committee was informed by Clerk Lawson that a non-resident, who regularly uses the walking path at Glenna Droscha Park to walk his dogs, asked if he could purchase and install a dog station for removal of animal waste. The Township Board thought this was an excellent idea and approved the use of Park Funds to purchase and install dog stations at both parks.

The Mason Soccer Association met with the Township Board requesting permission to make improvements to the large soccer field at Glenna Droscha Park. They have funds available and would like to improve the soil, possibly install irrigation and reseed the field. The Township Board agreed to their request and offered to contribute to the project.

The half-court basketball court was moved to another location, because it would interfere with improvements to the soccer field. Township Board members chose to construct the court on a level spot at the north end of the park. There was some concern by Committee members this site would eliminate their plans for a future ball field. Clerk Lawson explained the construction of another ball field by the Mason Baseball/Softball Association was now a dead issue and the Board had major concerns that another field would cause parking problems.

The basketball court has been installed by Tomco Asphalt but the old backboard and pole are in rather bad shape. The Deputy Clerk is currently looking into the cost of a new pole and backboard. Approval of this purchase will go to the Township Board in October.

The Committee reviewed a Park Fund cash and investment report.

As there was no other business the Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lawson, Secretary