

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
PARKS and RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 3, 2024**

Roll Call of Commission Members:

Present: Denise Schmuckal, Andy Hoort, Chris Remy, Art Bukowski

Absent and Excused: Fern Spence, William Scott, Chris DeGood

Staff Present: Parks Steward Sean Kehoe

Call to Order: Secretary Chris Remy called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all in attendance.

1. Public Comment (6:04)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda – Conflicts of Interest (6:04)

Schmuckal moved and Hoort seconded to approve the agenda as amended noting that Election of Officers should be removed.

Yeas: Schmuckal, Hoort, Bukowski, Remy

Nays: None

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2024 (6:05)

Hoort moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve minutes of the April 1, 2024 meeting as presented.

Yeas: Hoort, Schmuckal, Bukowski, Remy

Nays: None

4. Correspondence (6:05)

None

5. Reports (6:06)

a. Commissioner Reports

Schmuckal said the Township is hiring and is looking to fill two positions: Township Manager and Building Official.

b. Staff Report/Updates

i. Parks Steward Report (6:06)

Kehoe submitted his report in writing and indicated the August and November meetings will be held in the Feiger Room. The dog park at River East Recreation Area is now open. The flag pole at Silver Lake Recreation Area was installed. Remy added that a work bee

was recently held at the Commons Natural Area for cleaning up the bike trails and signage was recently installed. The Commissioners discussed trail maps and agreed to hold off on the maps for now to allow for input from the mountain biking subcommittee.

- ii. **PD 2024-38 – Planning Department – Parks Projects Update**
Commissioners acknowledged receipt of the Planning Department report and appreciated the information provided.

6. **Old Business (6:19)**

None

7. **New Business (6:19)**

a. **PD 2024-39 – Copper Ridge Trailhead – Conceptual Design**

One of the 2024 priority parks projects is the design and construction of a trailhead for the Commons Natural Area at Copper Ridge. Staff met with representatives of the Copper Ridge Professional Center association and the Copper Ridge Surgery Center earlier in 2024 to discuss this trailhead. The Township Engineer prepared a conceptual drawing for the preferred trail and trailhead design.

Commissioners discussed the proposed trailhead and commented on the sandy area. They agreed that any trailhead should offer easy access for bikers and wanted the mountain biking subcommittee to provide feedback on the proposed design.

8. **Public Comment (6:29)**

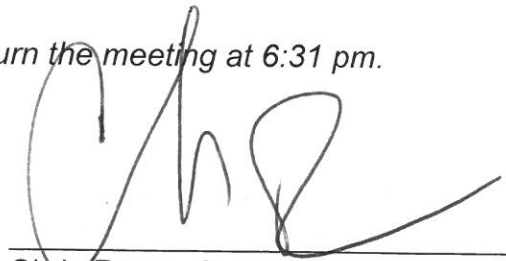
None

9. **Items for Next Agenda – August 5, 2024 (6:30)**

Items for the next agenda include taking another look at the proposed design for the Copper Ridge trailhead, an update from the mountain biking subcommittee, and an update regarding trail maps.

10. **Adjournment**

Hoort moved and Bukowski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm.



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