

**FREMONT AREA  
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2008  
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

**Park & Recreation Members Present:** Rhondi Davis, Todd Blake, Jeannie Caris, Marian Oosterhouse, Pam Zuchowski, Bryan Kolk, Roger Tuuk, Brian Hettinger, Dave Byrne

**Public Present:** Joe Hunt, Glen Gustman, Barb Sheron

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Pam, seconded by Dave to approve the agenda; motion approved.

**Approval of minutes from May 22, 2008 Meeting**

Motion by Pam, seconded by Marian to approve minutes of the 5/22/08 meeting; motion approved.

**'The Refuge Bike Park' (Sheridan Township Property-Bike Project)**

Joe Hunt reported the \$37,500 Foundation grant was used for construction of wood structures around the Park and an entry sign. He also reported the Committee is currently planning phase 2 of the Project, which entails four signs for the Park. Cost of the two 4'x8' and two 2'x3' signs is estimated to cost \$10,000 and funding is still needed.

Todd recommended the Township's insurance carrier look the proposed wording for the "Rules & Regulations" sign over before final print. Bryan asked if a grand opening had been scheduled and recommended the Committee work with Sheridan Township on it. Also, Dave reported the Rotary Club is planning to do a Fall cleanup at the new Park.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Todd to recommend to the participating governmental jurisdictions to cost-share the sign project by using the previously used cost-sharing formula; motion approved. Todd noted the formula would have to be updated to include Sherman Township, since this will be the first cost-sharing project to come forward since their joining the Recreation Committee.

**Town & Country Path: Phase 2a & 2b**

Todd reported Phase 2a construction is done other than some minor cleanup points. He also noted the Meuwenberg Excavating submitted a bid for a portion of Phase 2b, keeping the construction cost per foot the same as Phase 2a.

Todd also reported an additional section of the Path may be built in the Industrial Park this summer. It will connect just north of the big bridge in the woods and traverse westward to Industrial Drive and further west to the stormwater retention ponds along Green Avenue, then southward to the intersection of Locust and Green.

Barb Sheron reported District Health will be conducting a survey of activity on Phase 2a the Path in the Industrial Park. Several committee members volunteered to conduct surveying at certain times throughout the weekend.

Roger reported the T&C Path Construction Fund had a balance of \$56,269 and the Path Endowment Fund had a balance of \$11,576 as of 6/30/08. Roger noted the City drew \$90,000 from the Construction Fund for Phase 2a construction.

**Old and New Business:**

Chris Caris Memorial Kid's Fishing Day: Jeannie reported the event was a great success. She summarized the coordinated efforts amongst the volunteers and response from all the kids who participated. The event was established to honor her son Christopher Caris and took place at Fremont Lake Park on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The kids were taught basic fishing techniques, taken on a boat to fish and provided lunch. Fishing will be followed up with lunch and a closing ceremony.

Dave Byrne announced he will be concentrating all his efforts on the school's new citizen committee for a new high school and informed the Committee of his resignation from the Recreation Committee. The Committee thanked Dave for all his support on the Committee over the years and wished him luck on the new committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, depending on necessity.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd M. Blake, V-Chair/Secretary