

Park Township
March 29, 2010
Special Meeting of the Park Township Board of Trustees

Price called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at the Park Township Office at 52-152nd Ave, Holland, Michigan.

In attendance: Supervisor Price, Clerk Keeter, Treasurer Steggerda, Trustees Dreyer, Hunsburger and Toscano. Trustee Bob Ellis attended via conference call.

Felix explained the Committee of the Future purpose, scope and charge (see attached).

Felix explained the vision is having a supplemented report for the Master Plan that takes the plan on into future years.

The board members described their nominees for Committee of the Future.

Price asked the board to vote for not more than eight (8) nominees one time only.

The Park Township Committee of the Future is John Barwis, John Berry, Dan Burbon, Amanda Brooks, Kris Manos, John Spoelhof, Doug Wassink, and Dean Whitaker.

Felix stated he will contact the applicants regarding the outcome.

Felix explained the bike path millage would be on August ballot and the E-Unit millage would be on the November ballot.

Felix explained the fund balance of the Bike Path and projected revenue with various millage rates just to maintain the system. There is no new construction costs included in the budget numbers at this time.

Felix stated the last renewal was for ten (10) years.

Ellis stated there should be 3 conditions to a renewal-maintain current paths, strategic connections on the paths, and focus on dedicated bike lanes.

The board agreed the lower number would be preferred.

Price stated the Township can apply for 80/20 grants to improve our bike path system.

Felix stated this item will be on the agenda for the April 15th board meeting as an action item.

Price opened the public comment period.

9 people spoke at the public comment period.

Price closed the public comment period.

Price addressed some concerns brought out at the public comment period.

Board members commented on the meeting.

MOTION MADE: MOTION SUPPORTED: MOTION CARRIED: A motion was made by Hunsburger and supported by Steggerda to adjourn at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Daniele Dykens
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Committee for the Future

Charge: What will Park Township Look Like in 2030? The Committee for the Future shall envision all aspects of community life in Park Township in 2030 and assist the Township Board and various commissions in shaping a “preferred future.” This is not an attempt to predict the future but is a collective vision of what we want Park Township to be like for ourselves, our children and grand children, coworkers and neighbors.

Mission Statement: *“Making use of our community efforts and energies, we will envision the amenities and opportunities and the physical and aesthetic characteristics that should exist in Park Township in 2030.”*

Through the process of the Integrated Master Plan, the Committee will sort, sift and analyze a host of ideas and concepts of what our preferred future should be. While not to prejudge any concept or product, we anticipate that some “themes” of our future might include the following:

1. A community which provides residents a place to live, work, play and retire; A wide range of opportunities will be available for housing, education, medical care, employment, and leisure and recreation activities.
2. A community that leads the way; we will be a role model for a clean environment, for innovative service delivery, and for transparency and inclusivity in governance.
3. A community in which the citizens are engaged in the community; Residents will be involved in local governance through volunteer service, voting in elections, and in other aspects of community life.
4. A community which residents are proud to call “home;” We have developed a strong sense of “community” that involves all who live and work here.
5. A community which provides services to match the population; Infrastructure, programs, and services will be provided in quantity and quality to meet the needs of our varied population.
6. A community which strives to work through partnerships; We will be a leader in service delivery via working through and with public and private partners. We realize that some of our larger goals will require multiple regional partners to achieve success.

In envisioning the future of Park Township, the Committee could use the following “guiding questions” to assist in “setting the course:”

1. In 2030, what can Park Township residents do?

2. In 2030, what does Park Township look like?
3. In 2030, what sets Park Township apart from other communities?
4. In 2030, what unique opportunities are available for Park Township residents?

The Committee for the Future consists of eight residents selected at large by the Township Board. Each Board member had an opportunity to nominate two Committee candidates, with the final eight selected by a vote of the Township Board. The Park Township Supervisor also serves on the Committee.

The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair and shall determine its meeting schedule. All meetings shall be open to the public and minutes will be posted on the Township's website. The Committee will be staffed by Township staff and is anticipated to meet regularly with the Township's consulting team hired to assist with the Integrated Master Plan process and with other committees and Township partners. This will include, but not be limited to the Planning Commission, the Ottawa County Fair Board, Ottawa Aviation, West Ottawa and Holland Public School Districts, the Herrick District Library, the Ottawa County Parks Commission, the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council, neighboring municipalities, public utilities, other Ottawa County departments and neighborhood associations.

It is anticipated that the Committee findings will be complete and presented within a 10 to 12 month time frame.