



Rochester Hills Minutes Leisure Activities Committee

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Monday, April 18, 2005

7:00 PM

SPENCER PARK BOAT HOUSE

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Duistermars called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Duistermars, Steven Swann and Suzanne White

Absent: John Dalton and Gerald Robbins

Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner

Non-Voting Members Absent: Saran Ahluwalia, Brenton Kinker and Kelley Kosuda

Others Present: Alan Buckenmeyer, Parks Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2005-0084 Regular Meeting - November 15, 2004

Attachments: DRAFT Minutes.pdf; Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by White, seconded by Swann, that this matter be Approved.

Resolved that the Leisure Activities Committee hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2004 as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Duistermars, Swann and White

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

2005-0207 Regular Meeting - January 24, 2005

Attachments: DRAFT Minutes.pdf; Resolution.pdf

A motion was made by White, seconded by Swann, that this matter be Approved.

Resolved that the Leisure Activities Committee hereby approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2005 as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Duistermars, Swann and White

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

Ms. Kelley Kosuda entered at 7:11 PM.

Non-Voting Members Present: Mike Hartner, Kelley Kosuda

Non-Voting Members Absent: Saran Ahluwalia and Brenton Kinker

Present: Jim Duistermars, Steven Swann and Suzanne White

Absent: John Dalton and Gerald Robbins

COMMUNICATIONS

None Presented

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2004-0137

Discuss Clinton River Trail Bridge and Intersection Improvement Project

Mike Hartner, Director Parks and Forestry, provided an update pertaining to the pedestrian bridge linking two parts of the Clinton River Trail.

- * *Bridge is fourteen (14) feet wide and 100 feet long.*
- * *Location of bridge is behind Rochester College which is North of Avon and East of Livernois.*
- * *Project is partially funded through State Grants totaling \$400,000.*
- * *Additional road crossing improvements were made for pedestrian safety.*
- * *Projected completion date is June 16th.*

Committee discussed intersection improvements with trail crossings at Crooks and Hamlin Roads with use of a map.

- * *Discussed pedestrian safety design.*
- * *Crooks and Hamlin crossing is relatively simple.*
- * *This crossing will have 73 feet of asphalt surface.*
- * *Standard mid-block zigzag pedestrian safety island promotes pedestrian safety because:*
 - * *Zigzag allows a number of people on bikes more maneuverability.*
 - * *Zigzag forces pedestrians to look at on-coming traffic.*

Committee discussed trail crossing at Avon and Livernois noting the following:

- * *Avon Road crossing crosses at the base of the hill near River Crest Banquet Center.*
- * *130 feet of road was added to Avon Road from Veteran's Memorial Pointe to get a full lane in each direction.*
- * *Pedestrian safety island was installed in the middle of Avon Road so that pedestrians can cross and reconnect to trail safely.*

Project costs include the following:

- * *Moving the curb and gutter over two (2) or three (3) feet to allow safe straight passage for cars.*
- * *Repaving and yellow line marking the entire area.*
- * *Suspend lighted cross walk signs over both Avon and Livernois.*
- * *Installation of poles to support cross walk signs.*

Discussion commenced on the following:

- * *This is the premiere prototype for mid-block crossings, trails, in Oakland County.*
- * *Oakland County Road Commission scrutinized mid-block crossing plan for one (1) year before giving approval.*
- * *All projects are set to be completed by July 1st, otherwise \$900 per day liquidated damages.*
 - * *Intersection improvements*
 - * *New Decking and handrails on bridges*
- * *Ribbon cutting ceremony set for completion date on Thursday, July 21st at 1:00 p.m.*
- * *Michigander - Cross Michigan Bike Ride - 700 bicyclists are expected to enter city that same day in the afternoon.*

Mr. Duistermars requested press release be issued recognizing the effort of everyone involved in making this "missing link" bridge connecting Paint Creek Trail and Macomb Orchard Trail happen to include the following:

- * *DNR*
- * *MDOT*
- * *Different agencies who donated grant monies*
- * *Architects and Engineers*
- * *Residents that argued successfully with the Natural Resource Commission for grant money*
- * *Four (4) other trail communities*

Discussed

2004-0268

Discuss Clinton River Trail Surfacing & Survey

Attachments: Update & Survey Form - Parks Dept.pdf; Survey Results - Parks Dept dtd 6-18-04.pdf; Trail Surface Survey Form - FCRT 032204.pdf; Survey Results - FCRT 11-04.pdf; Surfacing Article.pdf

Mr. Hartner explained reauthorization of the Transportation Bill noting the following:

- * *Bill is a \$300 billion bill that covers roadwork and bridge work for the whole country.*
- * *Authorization of Bill has been stalled for approximately two (2) years.*

Mr. Hartner would like committee to make its decision on what kind of surface to have on the Clinton River Trail at next meeting. He reviewed the following information regarding the surface materials.

- * *Full grant funding of \$750,000 would surface the entire trail with the following choices:*
 - * *Asphalt (most expensive - higher maintenance costs)*
 - * *Stabilized Stone (same cost as asphalt - lower maintenance costs)*
 - * *Limestone (least expensive)*
- * *Limestone would allow for additional amenities, such as, directional/informational signage and seating areas with benches.*

Discussed

2005-0281

Discuss Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Attachments: 041805 Resolution of Support 2004-0671.pdf

Committee members discussed Parks & Recreation Master Plan noting the following:

* *The request is to have McKenna and Associates to be the Consultants for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan in conjunction with the Master Land Use Plan.*

* *Cost of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is an additional \$25,000.*

* *McKenna and Associates will be helping with public workshops, surveys and focus groups.*

* *McKenna and Associates will help facilitate setting goals and objectives for the next five (5) years.*

A motion was made by White, seconded by Swann, that this matter be Approved and Referred to the City Council Regular Meeting.

Resolved that the Leisure Activities Committee recommends to City Council to accept the proposal from McKenna and Associates and to be our Parks and Recreation Master Plan Consultants, in conjunction with our normal Master Land Use Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

2004-0671

Request for Purchase Authorization - PARKS: Parks & Recreation Master Plan update for the City of Rochester Hills, purchase order increase in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; McKenna Associates, Inc., Northville, MI

Attachments: Agenda Summary.pdf; McKenna Quote - Parks & Recreation Master Plan.pdf; 081804 Agenda Summary.pdf; Bid Sheet.pdf; Contract McKenna MLUP.pdf; Revised Scope of Services.pdf; 0671 Resolution.pdf; 041805 LAC Draft Minutes.pdf

A motion was made by White, seconded by Swann, that this matter be Recommended for Approval to the City Council Regular Meeting.

Whereas, the Leisure Activities Committee, at its Regular Meeting of April 18, 2005, discussed the increase of a blanket purchase order of \$25,000.00 to McKenna Associates, Inc., to be the Consultants for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Resolved that the Leisure Activities Committee recommends that City Council approves the purchase increase of \$25,000.00 to McKenna Associates to be the Consultants for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan in conjunction with the Master Land Use Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Duistermars, Swann and White

Absent: Dalton and Robbins

Enactment No: RES0133-2005

YOUTH COMMENTS

None Presented

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None Presented

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 16, 2005

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Duistermars adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Minutes were prepared by Denise Mertz and Sue Busam