Long Lake Township  
Parks & Recreation Committee  

October 25, 2011  

Meeting Notes

Parks and Recreation Committee meeting started at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.


Friends of the Parks reports:
Shirley Mesch gave an update on the progress with marking the boundaries at Cedar Run Creek Natural Area; they will be finishing up in the very near future. Karen gave an update on the logging at Cedar Run Creek. They have completed one area and will be finishing up in late fall/early winter with the rest. Mark Cerny is interested in researching ideas to mark the trails at Fishers Run – possibly paint or signs on trees. He is also wondered if there could be signs along the roadside to let people know that there is a Park ahead. Rondi Fry asked if she could post “no hunting” signs at Bull Head Lake NA. So that people coming to the area would be aware that there is no hunting on this property. She will get together with Jim to purchase signs and determine locations for the signs. The group was brought up to speed on the possible purchase of the Girl Scout property and we will discuss this further at the November meeting.

Discussion:
We discussed possibly expanding one of the ball fields at Haywood Park to accommodate Pony leagues (13 to 15 year olds), at this time there is no facility to accommodate this age group for baseball. Kelly Stockfisch, the summer ball league representative, spoke regarding the need for this field. Jim gave an overview of the distances between the playground, bathrooms & tennis courts. He questioned the safety issues this might cause. He staked where the new baseline and infield dimensions on the field would be so that we could go out to see how much larger this field would need to be. Kelly said that currently the league only allows children through the age of 13 to play on the existing fields and there is no current middle school baseball available at the schools. The summer league would be paying for any costs incurred to expand this field. They currently have approx. 36 teams and Kelly said that 90% of the children are Long Lake Township residents with the remaining 10% living outside the Township but attending school in the Township.
I gave all in attendance a copy of the updated Parks & Recreation Plan. They were asked to review this and we will talk about it at the November meeting.
We set a date of Wednesday, November 9th at 4:00 pm, here at the Township Hall, for our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Mehney