

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP  
PARKS COMMISSION  
Village Hall  
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Harvey Jacobitz, Chm. Jim Smith . Bud Hassard .  
Fred MacLean . Jack Norris, Sec.

January 12, 1990

MINUTES OF THE FIRST PARKS COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 1990, VILLAGE HALL 10 - 11:30 AM

Commissioners present: Jacobitz, Smith, Norris  
" absent : Hassard, MacLean  
Guest : Bill Good  
Advisory Council : Ann Bretz, Georgena Barnes, Jo Brokaw,  
Jack Mayer, Ivan Foerster

Harvey Jacobitz opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and proceeded with the agenda, explaining :

- 1 Orientation The aims of the Commission are:
  - a) to prepare for adoption at township, county and state levels the Torch Lake Township Recreation Plan-- a necessary first step toward funding township recreation projects.
  - b) to prepare for similar adoption the grant applications seeking funding assistance for Township recreation projects, including the acquisition of the Torch Village former campground for a Township Park.
  - c) to implement the funded projects.
- 2 Schedule Time is short for accomplishing all that must be done -- final draft of Township Recreation Plan to be ready by February 13, grant applications to be ready by March 13 -- so as to meet an April 2 deadline for the submission of the funding applications. For that reason, the Commission will be meeting weekly for the next 5 - 6 weeks.
- 3 Offer by the Goods The Goods have bought the former campground and are removing unwanted equipment, readying the parcel for sale, meanwhile leasing the property to the Township for expenses plus one dollar a year -- an arrangement that they will continue so long as the Township shows an interest in acquiring the property for use as a Township Park and makes diligent efforts toward that end.

Thus, the property is available for Township purchase now and into the near future at the Goods' cost plus any applicable additional costs (maintenance, repair, taxes and cost of money figured at 9% per annum.)

Those present expressed their sincere appreciation of this very friendly gesture by the Goods and noted that the sooner the Township can arrange the purchase, the less costly it will be (taxes would no longer be due on the property, once it became Township property -- a saving of about \$2000 per year; and the 9% interest would also cease -- about \$18,000 for the first year, somewhat more for later years.

Bill Good said the Goods would be willing to sell on land contract, something which would allow early abatement of the tax burden.

Discussion centered on the necessary legal routines for moving promptly on this matter, and it was resolved to request a Special Meeting of the Township Board next Monday, in order to request a Public Hearing as soon as feasible to seek public input and approval of the proposed actions: Township Recreation Plan, grant applications, park acquisition and development. The requested Special Meeting was agreed to by Supervisor Backstrom during the meeting, and notices were prepared.

4, 5, 6      Reference materials, homework, and next meeting  
Commission and Advisory Council members were supplied with a set of guidelines for the preparation of a Recreation Plan and with an example of such a township plan, were asked to review those materials and prepare their own suggestions as to material to include in the Torch Lake Township Recreation Plan, for presentation at the next Parks Commission Meeting, January 18, 1990, 10:00 AM at the Village Hall.

Submitted for review and comment,

Jack Norris, Secretary (599 2894)

cc: Commission, Advisory Council, Bill and Virginia Good,  
Township Board