

May 30, 2006

On the above date a Workshop was held to review the Draft of the Comprehensive Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Plan. In attendance were Board Chairman Dennis Seefeldt, Michael Harnetty, Michael Hinz, Blair Joselyn and Nancy Madden. Planning Commission members Chris Ness, Peter Schwarz and Donnette Yehle. Park and Recreation Committee members Deb Campobasso, Ron Couture, Sarah Kilgriff and Karen Schik. Vera Westrum of Sanders Wacker Bergly, Inc. presented the draft plan.

The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to guide New Scandia Township's strategy for preserving, enhancing and developing a park and recreation system. A community survey was conducted in 2004 that gathered feedback from approximately 39% of New Scandia residents. Over half the respondents rated the importance of open space and recreation to their quality of life. The survey summary is attached to the plan appendix.

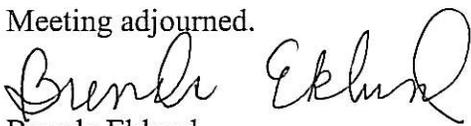
Ms. Westrum reviewed the plan for those in attendance. A Park System Plan was identified which divides the Township into four park service areas. Recommendations for proposed improvements and development of new park areas were reviewed. It was suggested that use of the word "trail" in regards to bike routes is misleading as identified on the maps. An off-road trail should be designated as such, whereas those routes that follow a paved shoulder of a road are not considered a bike trail, but rather need to be identified as a "bike route". All trails should be identified as to the use, i.e. hiking, biking, etc.

In answer to Supervisor Harnetty's question as to what does this plan lead to, Ms. Westrum responded that the plan is a framework to preserve open space and ecological features, and to establish and provide useable facilities for the residents of the Town. The planning extends out to the year 2025. This plan provides a basis for the Township to agree on prioritization of projects to undertake. This can also be used as a tool for developers in which to designate park land and trail easements.

It was suggested that all plats issued in the past 30-40 years be reviewed to gather an inventory of all park land and trail easements, so that they can be added to the maps. The office staff was directed to begin this inventory.

Deb Campobasso will collect any corrections and additions to this draft and forward them to Ms. Westrum. A public information meeting will be scheduled to coincide with the public hearing to adopt the final comprehensive plan. It is planned to hold the public information meeting on July 18, 2006 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The public hearing will follow that same evening during the Town Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned.



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