

AGENDA

Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission
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**A MEETING OF THE
BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
of the
INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Will Be Held at
6:00pm
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
Human Services Building
Conference Room B, Second Floor
5303 S. Cedar, Building #3
Lansing, Michigan

1. Call to Order
2. Limited Public Comment
3. Report Regarding the HDI Property Adjacent to Lake Lansing Park-North
4. 2008 Potter Park Zoo Marketing Analysis ~ Todd Pride
(Document to be provided at the meeting)
5. Friends of Ingham County Parks Contribution Report ~ Karen Fraser
6. Director's Report:
 - A. Progress of Rayner Disc Golf Work Group – Approximate Cost
 - B. Vacant Park Manager Position Status
 - C. Scott Woods Lease Status
 - D. Potter Park Zoo Master Plan Status
7. Limited Public Comment
8. Adjournment

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A QUORUM OF PARK COMMISSION MEMBERS MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING

MEDIA ADVISORY

December 4, 2008

WHO: Ingham County Parks Department

WHAT: THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD RECOMMENDS \$2 MILLION IN FUNDING TO INGHAM COUNTY FOR LAKE LANSING PARK NORTH ACQUISITION

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Commission are pleased to announce that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board has recommended to the Legislature that Ingham County be awarded nearly \$2 million for the acquisition of 120 acres of exceptional natural lands adjacent to Lake Lansing Park North in Haslett. The funds would be made available in 2009, after the Legislature approves the MNRTF project list and Governor Granholm signs the bill.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, created in 1976, has played a vital role in the acquisition and development of state and local parks throughout Michigan. MNRTF support has been critical to the evolution of the Ingham County Parks system, including previous land acquisitions and development projects at Lake Lansing Park North, Hawk Island Park in Lansing, and Burchfield Park in Holt. The Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission would like to thank the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board, and its dedicated Department of Natural Resources staff, for its past and ongoing support of your Ingham County Parks.

The Preserve Lake Lansing Trails Committee, in partnership with the Friends of Ingham County Parks, took an early lead in developing the local match commitments that were required to be eligible for the MNRTF funding. In a remarkable show of community spirit and support for this project, in less than five months the committee raised over \$150,000 from over 1,000 donors. The Meridian Township Land Preservation Advisory Board also provided tremendous leadership in making this project possible, with Meridian Township committing \$675,000 from its Land Preservation Fund as local match. This partnership will extend beyond the land acquisition, with a management plan for the land to be developed jointly by Meridian Township and Ingham County. Mary Helmbrecht, Meridian Township Clerk and Vice-Chair of the Land Preservation Advisory Board, noted that "this property was overwhelmingly identified by Land Preservation Advisory Board members as the most unique in the county with the most exceptional natural features." HDI Builders, the current property owner, has generously allowed Ingham County Parks to use a portion of the property for the Lake Lansing Park North trail system at no cost since the 1980's.

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners provided the final piece of the local match, enabling the proposal to be submitted for funding consideration this past August. Ingham County Commissioner Deb Nolan said, "Kudos to the entire Preserve Lake Lansing Trails Group for their tremendous commitment and determination. I would like to thank the many individual donors, the Meridian Township Land Preservation Advisory Board and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for their generous support of this project. And, finally, thank you to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Ingham County Parks Department for their efforts on this project, which has been successful because of the many partners that have supported it."

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MEMO

DATE: December 1, 2008
TO: Ingham County Parks Commission
CC: Willis Bennett
FROM: Karen Fraser
RE: The Friends of Ingham Co. Parks – Update

The Friends 501(c) 3 organization as you know has had an outstanding year! I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on their activities since inception, as this group makes a remarkable financial contribution to the Ingham County Parks. Their support is not only significant, but impressive and many volunteers give selflessly of their time to improve the Parks.

The Friends Board meets three times annually to honor the requirements of their by-laws and taxes are filed annually to the Internal Revenue Service. IRS reporting requirements have become more stringent in the past couple of years and numerous organizations are losing non-profit status for lack of meeting reporting requirements. We plan to keep our 501 (c) 3 status alive and kicking!

This year the Lake Lansing Band Shell Committee raised \$10,000 to fund the weekly Friday evening concerts. Revenues are primarily generated through two channels; business sponsorships of the events and the "Red Can" donations which are collected each week. The summer concert evenings are well attended and the organization of the evenings and the setting is outstanding. These concerts brought over 8,700 visitors to Lake Lansing South Park.

The Friends of Rayner Park is a small group of individuals who have been volunteering at Rayner Park for about three years. They initially organized to help fund the development of a native species garden and have since helped with a few other projects such as the installation of new spring toys. Organized work days each year help to spruce up the park and tend gardens.

The Friends of Hawk Island Park have had a quiet year – thinking through their goals and looking for a project to attack. They have interest in working to fund raise for a climbing wall for the park and are considering a "Touch a Truck" event in fall 2009.

As you are all keenly aware the Preserve Lake Lansing Trails group celebrated a tremendous success this year raising over \$158,000 to help fund the Lake Lansing North Park Acquisition. This may not be the last we have heard from this group. I have heard talk of an annual run/walk event at LLN to help support projects at the Lake Lansing Parks!

The Friends of Ingham County Parks
A 501 c 3 organization
Report of Contributions to the Ingham County Park System

Report Prepared by: Karen Fraser
December 4, 2008

Year	Project	Funds Raised	Source
2000/2001	Lake Lansing Band Shell	\$ 39,627	Community
2002	Lake Lansing Community Band Shell	\$ 39,053	Community
2002	Lake Lansing Community Band Shell	\$ 25,000	Capital Region Community Foundation
2003	Lake Lansing Community Band Shell	\$ 21,273	Community
2003	Hawk Island Playground	\$ 11,597	Community
2004	Hawk Island Playground	\$ 97,526	Community
2004	Friday Night Concerts – Lake Lansing	\$ 9,316	Community
2005	Friday Night Concerts – Lake Lansing	\$ 7,933	Community
2006	Friday Night Concerts – Lake Lansing	\$ 13,183	Community
2006	Sand Diggers – Hawk Island	\$ 2,692	Capital Region Community Foundation
2006	Wheelchairs – All Parks	\$ 2,960	Capital Region Community Foundation
2006	Asphalt – Band Shell – Lake Lansing	\$ 3,065	Capital Region Community Foundation
2006	Shade Kite – Hawk Island	\$ 3,275	Capital Region Community Foundation
2007	Friday Night Concerts – Lake Lansing	\$ 19,147	Community
2007	Accessible Drinking Fountain – Hawk Island	\$ 3,850	Granger Foundation
2008	Sidewalk – Rayner Park	\$ 5,795	Capital Region Community Foundation
2008	Lighting – Lake Lansing South	\$ 2,460	Capital Region Community Foundation
2008	Lake Lansing North	\$158,000	Community
2008	Friday Night Concerts – Lake Lansing	\$ 10,551	Community
	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 1,000	Community
	Total Revenue	\$477,303	