

PLEASE NOTE
Time Change

The December
Planning & Community
Outreach Committee
meeting scheduled to be held on

Monday, December 8, 2008

will meet beginning at
5:30pm

AGENDA

Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission
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The packet is available on-line by going to www.ingham.org, choosing the "Monthly Calendar," and clicking on Monday, December 8, 2008.

A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE OF THE INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION Will Be Held at

5:30pm

Monday, December 8, 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 ~ Vic Randall
 - A. Press Release regarding the MNRTF Board Recommendation of \$2 Million in Funding to Ingham County for the Lake Lansing Park-North Acquisition
 - B. Resolution Recognizing the Efforts of the Organizers of the "Rock the Park"
4. Resolution Honoring Gary Barker
5. Director's Report
 - A. Progress of Rayner Disc Golf Work Group
 - B. Scott Woods Lease Status
 - C. Potter Park Zoo Master Plan Status
 - D. Parks Article in TRAVELHOST Magazine
 - E. Status of Dock at Scott Woods Dog Park
 - F. Proposal to Assist in Funding Phase II of the Tri-County Potential Conservation Area Plan
6. Limited Public Comment
7. Adjournment

The Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting for the visually impaired, for individuals with disabilities a the meeting upon five (5) working days notice to the Ingham County Parks Department. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Ingham County Parks Department in writing or by calling the Ingham County Parks Office at P.O.

Box 178, Mason, Michigan 48854 ~ Phone: (517) 676-2233.

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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INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of December 15, 2008

RESOLUTION # -08

Resolution Honoring the Organizers of the Lake Lansing Park North Land Acquisition “Rock 4 The Park” Fundraising Event

WHEREAS, Lisa Davidson told her children, Hannah, George, and Duncan, all the tales of past great rocking chair marathons; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Davidson works for the Michigan State University Center for Service Learning and Civic Volunteerism and is always looking for ways for her children, to provide service back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Davidson children organized the “Rock 4 the Park” event, a cause worth rocking for, grassroots community effort which allowed kids and former kids to help raise matching funds for the Lake Lansing Park Land Acquisition Grant; and

WHEREAS, Hannah’s enthusiasm and energy for the project spread to include in the planning of the event Megan Vorce and her mother Tisa Vorce, Claire McCrae and her mother Nancy McCrae, and Mel Spencley and Nancy Gilbert on behalf of their son Jamen Spencley; and

WHEREAS, the fundraising team set a goal of 100 teams of rockers rocking for 12 hours to raise hopefully \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, towards that end they spent time planning the event, developing a website, www.rock4thepark.org, and getting other kids involved; and

WHEREAS, this resulted in 12 registered teams, 42 kid rockers, 19 adult rockers, and 247 participating individuals/families from the local community, other parts of Michigan, and at least five other states; and

WHEREAS, the organizers were able to gain sponsorships from thirty individuals and local businesses who donated more than \$1,400 worth of food and door prizes; and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent of the proceeds were donated to this community effort and an impressive total of \$6,677 was raised.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission hereby honors the Davidson family for the outstanding results of their efforts, and extends its sincere appreciation for their countless contributions and the positive impact they had on the community through this event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission extends its best wishes to the Davidson family, and hopes they continue building a lifelong habit of volunteering!

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Resolution Honoring Gary Barker

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Parks sponsors an annual Fishing Derby at Burchfield Park each year; and

WHEREAS, this event is held in June on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources free fishing weekend; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the event is to expose young adults to the sport of fishing while gaining positive exposure to Burchfield Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mason Optimist Club contacted the Ingham County Parks Department requesting to become involved in the Fishing Derby and expand the event to a Youth Outdoor Day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker, acting on behalf of the Optimist Club expanded the event to include fly fishing, air gun shooting, trapping, dog retriever training, archery shooting, Potter Park Zoo Society animals, and kayaking; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker coordinated the food concession and offered free food coupons to youth participants; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker was instrumental in the recruitment and organization of sponsors so that all participants received a prize and a shirt; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barker arranged for the event to be televised on a statewide outdoor show, introducing a large audience to Burchfield Park and the numerous outdoor activities available to them.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission hereby honors Gary Barker for the outstanding quality of his work and commitment to the event, and extends its sincere appreciation for his countless contributions and the positive impact he made during the expanded Fishing Derby/Youth Outdoor Day held at Burchfield Park this year.