

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DATE 03/26/2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Krueger in the Swartz Creek City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers Present: Cramer, Florence, Gilbert, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath.

Councilmembers Absent: Hicks.

Staff Present: City Manager Adam Zettel, Clerk Connie Eskew, Director of Public Services Tom Svrcek.

Others Present: Lania Rocha, Boots Abrams, Bob Plumb, Fay Porath, Steve Shumaker, Ken & Sandi Brill, James Barclay, Tommy Butler, Ron Schultz, Richard Abrams, Penny Messer, Elaine Tucker, Ann Lindsay, Terry O'Brien, John Cherry, Joni Ward, Mary & Jim Packer, Shirley Presley, Steve Shumaker, Jim Barclay, Jack Wheatley.

EXCUSE COUNCILMEMBER HICKS

Resolution No. 180326-01

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Florence

I Move the Swartz Creek City council excuse councilmember Hicks.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 180326-02

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Porath
Second by Councilmember Gilbert

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held Monday March 12, 2018, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Gilbert, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Carried)

Resolution No. 180326-03

Motion by Councilmember Cramer
Second by Councilmember Florence

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council approve the Agenda as, printed for the Regular Council Meeting of March 26, 2018, to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence, Gilbert.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 180326-04

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Florence
Second by Councilmember Cramer

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council accept the City Manager's Report of March 26, 2018, including reports and communications to be circulated and placed on file.

YES: Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Florence, Gilbert.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Steve Shumaker, 7446 Country Meadow, commented on a previously suggestion made about setting a policy for honoring individuals appropriately.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

MILLER SETTLEMENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Mayor Krueger presented Sandi Brill with the 2017 award. Sandi was nominated for this award by her peers on the Parks and Recreation Advisory board as well as the GFWC Women's Club. Specifically, they have found her tenacity and engagement of the last year to be most impressive and impactful.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DEDICATION AND A NEW NAME FOR WINSHALL PARK

Resolution No. 180326-05

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Pinkston

WHEREAS, Richard B. “Dick” and “Boots” Abrams moved into Winchester Village in 1959; and

WHEREAS, the Abrams family, who reside at the same address today, have raised their two girls, Penny and Sandi, in Winchester Village; and

WHEREAS, Dick, Boots, Penny, and Sandi have invested their lives into Swartz Creek in ways too numerous to account for, but including decades of service to the Swartz Creek City Council, Swartz Creek Area Fire Board, Kiwanis Club, Women’s Club, Girl Scouts, the United Methodist Church, and numerous school engagements; and

WHEREAS, during these years of service, the family grew together, with the neighborhood around them, and often enjoyed, explored, and improved the nearby Winshall Park; and

WHEREAS, the Abrams family has been so instrumental and influential to those around them in personal, professional, and spiritual ways; and

WHEREAS, the Swartz Creek Park and Recreation Committee, upon petition by members of the public at their regular meeting on March 7, 2018, found that the namesake of Winshall Park does not reflect the authenticity of the community, having no connection to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommends that Winshall Park therefore be dedicated as Abrams Park in honor of the collective lives of the Abrams family; and

WHEREAS, the Swartz Creek City Council recognizes that the Abrams family embodies what is best about Swartz Creek and further concurs with the findings of the park board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby memorializes the contributions and impact of the Abrams family through the dedication and renaming of Winshall Park as Abrams Park. May the name grace the park as the presence of the Abrams family has graced our community, and may it stand to further inspire those entering upon those grounds to recall and aspire to their quality.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Pinkston, Porath, Cramer, Gilbert, Krueger.

NO: Florence. Motion Declared Carried.

Trust Fund Public Hearing

Open 7:34 p.m.

Ken Brill wanted to know if the trail comes along Miller Road by the Holland Square. Mr. Zettel responded the trail plan is along the creek.

Brad Lindsay questioned who will maintain the trail within the city limits.

Mayor Krueger responded it will be part of the park systems budget.

John Cherry commented MDOT funds can be used as a match in the program.

Steve Shumaker northside of the park looks like it will lose some parking area.

Vanessa Warren commented this can be improved and shifted.

Closed 7:41 p.m.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND GRANT FOR A MATCH TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP)

Resolution No. 180326-06

(Carried)

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Pinkston
Second by Councilmember Cramer

WHEREAS, The City of Swartz Creek, through its Parks and Recreation Committee, recognizes a strong need to expand its trailway system; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently seeking grant funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program, and the City must provide a 35% match for a \$833,959.75 trail project (\$291,900); and

WHEREAS, the City is requesting a portion of this \$291,900 match, plus engineering and related expenses, to come from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant, a total request of \$358,100; and

WHEREAS, the City is providing 25% match to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for a total of \$89,600 city cost and \$268,500 DNR grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the
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Submittal of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and its match.

YES: Porath, Cramer, Florence, Gilbert, Krueger, Pinkston.
NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LOGO IMAGE RECOMMENDED BY THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 180326-07

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Porath
Second by Councilmember Florence

WHEREAS, the City Council, in the pursuit of standard Redevelopment Ready Communities guidelines and to further the proactive stance of the city as it relates to economic development, directed the Swartz Creek Downtown Development Authority to lead a community branding and imaging initiative; and

WHEREAS, the DDA has been working with the community for many months, in consultation with a professional branding and design company, to develop and refine images and taglines that represent the community; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on March 8, 2018, the DDA deliberated on numerous graphic designs and formally recommends a specific image, without a tagline, as included in the March 26, 2018 city council packet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Swartz Creek City Council hereby approves the new logo, without tagline, as part of a larger branding and marketing campaign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Swartz Creek City Council authorizes the departments of the City of Swartz Creek, including the Swartz Creek DDA, use of the logo and its variants for professional purposes.

Discussion Ensued.

YES: Cramer, Florence, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath.
NO: Gilbert. Motion Declared Carried.

RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF VACANT LAND ON SECOND STREET AND MORRISH ROAD

Resolution No. 180326-08

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Cramer
Second by Councilmember Florence

WHEREAS, the city acquired a residential structure located at 5157 Morrish Road, parcel PID 58-01-100-013, for the purpose of securing the demolition of the blighted house.

WHEREAS, the house at 5157 Morrish Road been demolished and the site is now vacant; and

WHEREAS, the city acquired vacant residential land on Second Street, at Wade Street, PID 58-01-502-036, for the purpose of preventing blight and for the potential of public uses related to recreation or the potential for infill housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek City Council finds no other direct public benefit or purpose to ownership of either parcel; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in these parcels from multiple parties, including neighbors and residential home builders; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that the timing is right to use or market these sites for sale; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Swartz Creek City Council hereby directs the planning commission to review the parcels in the context of the neighborhood setting and the city master plan to determine what future use will be in the best public interest, such findings to be reported back to the city council by June 11, 2018.

YES: Florence, Gilbert, Krueger, Pinkston, Porath, Cramer.

NO: None. Motion Declared Carried.

DON SHENK HOUSE

Discussion

Adam Zettel, City Manager commented the property should be ready to sale by May. He asked for thoughts on how to sell the property, either by broker or by owner.

Councilmember Porath suggested open house during hometown days.

Mr. Zettel responded even during the garage sale weekend in the village would be a good time for an open house.

Mayor Krueger suggested a walkthrough of property by council before list price is decided.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

Boots Abrams is very humbled and proud, thanked everyone for the name of the park.

Dick Abrams appreciates the honor of the park naming and thanked everyone.

Sandi Brill thanked everyone for the honor tonight.

Penny Messer thanked all for honoring of the family.

REMARKS BY COUNCILMEMBERS:

Councilmember Porath feels honored to know the Abrams and congratulated them. He reminded everyone that its election time for four positions on city council. He encouraged fresh community involvement.

Councilmember Cramer congratulated Abrams family. He wants to keep our community moving forward.

Councilmember Florence commented the Abrams were one of the first families they met when they moved here.

Councilmember Gilbert congratulated the Abrams.

Mayor Pro Tem Pinkston also congratulated the Abrams.

Mayor Krueger congratulated the Abrams and thanked them for all they have done over the many years.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 180326-09

(Carried)

Motion by Councilmember Gilbert
Second by Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem Pinkston

I Move the Swartz Creek City Council adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Unanimous Voice Vote.

David A. Krueger, Mayor

Connie Eskew, City Clerk