Oakland Township Sentinel

Weekly Report – Sunday, May 9, 2021

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Addison Township loses 30+ year veteran fire department member to Covid-19

See this in Township Manager Kline's Memo of May 7, 2021 in Board Packet.

"Fire Department: The department continues to sanitize and follow all COVID-19 protocols. Unfortunately a friend and 30+ year member of the Addison Township fire department passed this week due to COVID-19. We send our condolences to the family, friends and department. The Oakland Township department will assist the Addison department as needed during this time when possible. Oakland Township experienced two structure fires this week."

Court Denies Township's Request for an Ex-Parte Restraining Order to Stop Unapproved Land-Use.

In the decision below on Wednesday May 5th from Oakland County Circuit Judge Phylliss C. McMillen Oakland Township was denied a restraining order. See next pages.

This is probably not as big a set-back as I originally thought. All it really means, I am told by knowledgeable sources, is that the Judge is not willing to issue a restraining order without hearing Birch Grove Properties side of the story. She says the Township has not demonstrated that waiting for a hearing with both parties present will cause immediate and irreparable harm, which is required for her to find in order to act as requested by Oakland Township.

I assume both parties will be in court soon. It seems to me that Birch Grove is taking a big risk, if they continue with construction. For one, I am very skeptical that their short drive will not accommodate the inevitable "car line" potentially spilling onto Rochester Road now or in the future, as pointed out to them by Planning Commissioner John Giannangeli in January to Birch Grove at the Planning Commission meeting.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 2021-187654-AW Hon. Phyllis C. McMillen

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BIRCH GROVE PROPERTIES, LLC,

Defendant.

ORDER DENYING EX PARTE RELIEF

At a session of Court Held On 5/5/21

Plaintiff filed a Verified Complaint and motion seeking, among other things, an ex parte temporary restraining order and/or preliminary injunction. Injunctive relief is an extraordinary remedy that issues only when justice requires, there is no adequate remedy at law, and there exists a real and imminent danger of irreparable injury. Granting injunctive relief is within the sound discretion of the trial court. Kernen v Homestead Dev Co. 232 Mich App 503, 509-510; 591 NW2d 369 (1998).

Plaintiff, The Charter Township of Oakland (the "Township"), alleges that Defendant, Birch Grove Properties, LLC, is constructing a private school in the Township and was required to obtain a Special Land Use permit from the Township before commencing construction. Defendant has not obtained the required permit, and has been proceeding with construction, even after the Township issued a Stop-Work Order in October of 2020.

The Court finds that Plaintiff is not entitled to an ex parte temporary restraining order. The Township has failed to demonstrate, by specific facts set forth in an affidavit or verified pleading that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result from the delay required to effect notice or from the risk that notice will itself precipitate adverse action before an order can be issued. MCR 3.310(B)(1)(a). Absent such a showing, the Court may not issue a temporary restraining order on an ex parte basis.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for an ex parte temporary restraining order and/or preliminary injunction is DENIED.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

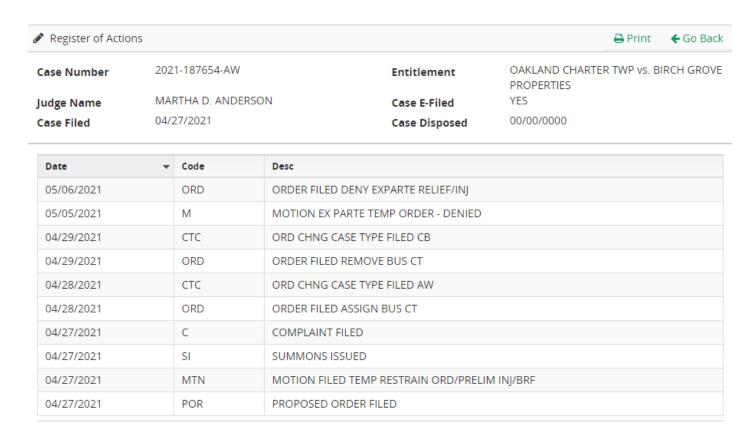
Phyllis McMillen
Phyllis C. McMillen, Circuit Judge

A day before this ruling, Planning Commissioner Jim Tweedie inquired as to the status of Birch Grove Academy Special Land-use approval at the May 4 Planning Commission meeting.

Township Planning Coordinator Don Mende stated,

"That item is still pending with the Planning Commission for Special Land Use approval. There is a dispute with the applicant whether they need Special Land Use approval or not and the...Township Attorney has filed a temporary restraining order against them, so we expect a hearing before the judge to deal with that item in the next... week or ten days, hopefully"

I did not purchase copies of the other court records listed below, as the county charges \$1 per page and there are over 100 pages, 98 pages in the Township's 4/27/21 motion alone.



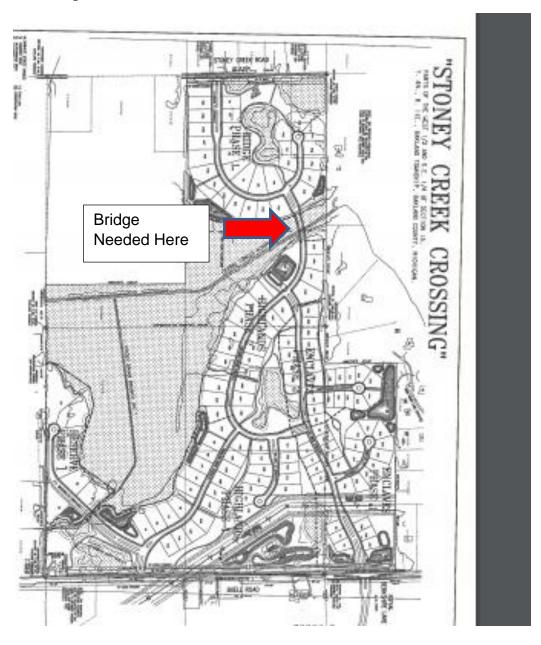
I have a FOIA request in to Oakland Township for correspondence between Birch Grove Properties and Oakland Township.

Stoney Creek Crossing – Preliminary Approval Recommended

After considerable discussions about traffic, Planning Commissioners voted 7/0 to recommend to the Board of Trustees to grant preliminary site plan approval for this 143 single-family home development (site-condominium is the legal term). This came after Road Commission of Oakland County indicated a traffic light would be installed at Stoney Creek and Rochester Roads in the next 2-3 years. The motion also included conditions for approval of final plans (in about a year)

- 1) resolving all items raised by PEA engineering consultant, Matt Hocking and Environmental Consultant Paul Rentschler as well as a
- 2) solid time-line from the Road Commission for a traffic light.

Developer Cosimo Lombardo laid out the timeline for the project would not see the first home occupied until 24-30 months from now. He projected selling mostly to empty nesters or families with older children for \$600,000 to \$1,500,000. About one year is needed for the detailed engineering and county permitting work for water, sewers, storm drainage, and wastewater treatment needed to get final Oakland Township approval. Another year may be needed to install Phase I roads and infrastructure. Mr. Lombardo also pointed out that until the final phase, which requires a bridge over the West Branch of Stony Creek, any traffic from the development will exit onto Buell Road. The site plan below has Stony Creek Road at the top and Buell Road at the bottom.



"High interest" upcoming agenda items Zoning Board of Appeals 5/18/2021

Homeowner requests variance; to be heard at 5/18 meeting

a. ZBA21-05 Peter Bolcato – A 30' front yard variance and to allow an accessory building in the front yard. 3031 Paint Creek Drive.



Board of Trustees Meetings on May 11 (2 Meetings)

Charter Township of Oakland

4393 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306-1670 Telephone: (248) 651-4440 Fax: (248) 651-1510 www.oaklandtownship.org



BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE AND AGENDA Tuesday, May 11, 2021

5:00 PM - OAKLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING VIA GOTOMEETING

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/660742605 or +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 660-742-605

- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call
- II. **Announcements and Proclamations**
- Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda
- Public Comment for items not on the Agenda
- CLOSED SESSION:
 - To consider a personnel evaluation at the request of the employee.
- Public Comment for items not on the Agenda
- VII. Adjournment

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7:00 PM - OAKLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIA GOTOMEETING

https://www.gotomeet.me/OaklandTownship/ot-public-govt-meetings or 1 (646) 749-3112 Access code: 248-219-757

I.	Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call	
II.	Announcements and Proclamations	
III.	Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda	
IV.	Public Comment for items not on the Agenda	
V.	CONSENT AGENDA:	
	Approval of Bills	
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	 April 29, 2021 in the amount of \$3,547.92 	13
	 May 11, 2021 in the amount of \$273,681.41 	
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Link to meeting packet with information about each agenda item. Numbers to right of each agenda item refer to page numbers in the meeting packet https://ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/601342636.pdf

Yager's notes on agenda items:

- V.1-V.4 Consent Agenda these are items which those who put together the agenda anticipate no debate but easy approval in a single sweeping motion.
- **V.1 Approval of bills** you can see details of recent expenses down to individual checks
- **V.2 Approval of minutes**. A good time to read draft minutes of past 4/27 Board meetings if you have not. It only takes few minutes. (pages 28-34)

V.3 – Paint Creek Junction – Paint Creek Junction Northern Trailhead (pages 35-55)

\$384,980 for the long-awaited parking lot (accommodating horse trailers), picnic table, restrooms, and connection path to Paint Creek Trail.

Most of this contract is mind-numbing detail needed to protect all parties by being totally clear. I assume our Parks and Recreation Commission attorney Stephen Joppich and Township Attorney Dan Kelly have studied it thoroughly. For those who enjoy studying cost details see pages 44-46. I assume \$2580 for one picnic table includes a concrete pad and a very large, indestructible table with ADA seating.

V.4 – **2021** Chloride agreement with Rochester Hills. (pages 56,57)

Rochester Hills proposes to share the \$4116 cost of dust control in 2021 on Mead and Dutton Roads 50/50. These roads are on the border between Oakland Township and Rochester Hills. This is the typical agreement for these roads.

VII-1 to VII-5 - Pending Business

VII – 1 – Deputy Treasurer Resolution 21-11 (pages 58-59)

Manager Kline's comments in his memo (pages94)

"Deputy Treasurer Resolution 21-11: Deputy Treasurer Walt Blessed is retiring as of May 28. Treasurer Giannangeli plans to appoint Courtney Wahnefried to the position. She has been with the township for five years. The current Deputy has spent a significant amount of time training her for the position."

Yager comments:

State laws, MCL 41.77 http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-41-77 and MCL 211.111, http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-211-111 require our elected Treasurer, John Giannangeli, to appoint a Deputy. The appointment must be approved by the Township Board.

Congratulations to Courtney Wahnefried.

VII – 2 – 2022 Water and Sewer Rate Proposal and Approval (pages 60-77)

There will be a slide presentation by Raphael Chirolla with the Water Resource Commission showing detailed costs to justify the rates charged.

VIII – 3 – Planning Coordinator Contract Renewal (page 77-81)

Don Mende is our Contract Planning Coordinator. Township Manager Kline memo (page 78) proposes raising his pay from \$45 to \$55 per hour (no benefits), citing

performance exceeding expectations, avoiding more expensive consultant fees and no pay raises in 6 years.

Mr. Kline's comments from his memo (page 94)

"Planning Coordinator Contract Renewal: The township entered into a contract with Don Mende as an independent contractor in 2015. He serves as the township's Planning Coordinator working approximately 24 hours per week. His rate of pay has not increased since 2015. He has more than exceeded the township's expectations working with consultants, administration, elected officials, residents, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals."

Yager comment:

The clause below in the contract is, in my opinion, too vague and begs to be fleshed out in more detail, in the future, for the benefit of both the Township and Mr. Mende.

"2. Duties and Scope of Services to be Performed by Contractor. The Contractor shall use its best efforts and skill to perform zoning and planning services as are typically performed by the Township's Zoning Coordinator and/or Administrator"

VII – 4 – Historic District Commission Appointment (pages 84-92)

These are the candidates (listed alphabetically) who have self-nominated. No one new came forward since the 4/27 Township Board meeting. This is for a term ending 5/22 to replace Bruce Parkinson who died suddenly and unexpectedly.

Seeking first Time Appointm	HDC Service	Packet Pages	
Campbell, Tricia	531 W. Snell Rd.		90
Gilboe, Nancy Wollensak	3830 E. Clarkston Rd.		84-86
Henderson, Donald	336 S. Rochester Rd.		87
Jarzyna, Peter	3360 Weygant Dr.		83
Matyas, Allen G.	3192 Landview Dr.		88
Medler, Victoria M	2410 Pebble Creek Dr.		89
Werner, Sheila	4795 Gallagher Rd.		91-92

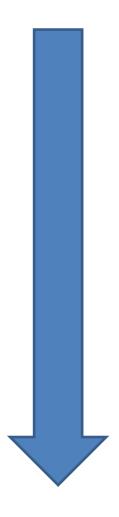
Yager comment: I support Commissioner John Sanderson's recommendation at 4/27 Board of Trustee's meeting for a more professional selection process involving HDC and interviews.

VII- 5 – Firefighter Employment Approval

Administrative Chief Lou Danek seeks authorization to hire Ashley Skurda as fulltime firefighter / paramedic for \$18.90 per hour. This potential hire replaces Timothy Haynes who resigned after less than one year.

Township Manager's Memo (pages

This is always worth reading every two weeks



Memo

To: Board of Trustees

From: Adam Kline, Township Manager

Date: May 7, 2021

Re: Township Manager's Report



The following items are scheduled for the virtual May 11 meeting agenda:

Deputy Treasurer Resolution 21-11: Deputy Treasurer Walt Blessed is retiring as of May 28. Treasurer Giannangeli plans to appoint Courtney Wahnefried to the position. She has been with the township for five years. The current Deputy has spent a significant amount of time training her for the position.

2022 Water and Sewer Rate Approval and Presentation: The WRC will be presenting 2022 water and sewer rates for approval.

Planning Coordinator Contract Renewal: The township entered into a contract with Don Mende as an independent contractor in 2015. He serves as the township's Planning Coordinator working approximately 24 hours per week. His rate of pay has not increased since 2015. He has more than exceeded the township's expectations working with consultants, administration, elected officials, residents, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

HDC Appointment: The HDC has a one year term available. Interested applicants have their applications attached in the packet.

Firefighter Employment Approval: Administrative Chief Danek has presented a full-time hire for approval by the board.

Other Township Business:

Technology: The cable room has been configured to switch between virtual and in person meetings. We continue to monitor the GoToMeeting website and test the meeting links.

Audit: Staff is still preparing for the 2020/2021 audit. Plante Moran will be working remotely again this year.

Staff: The Accounting and Finance Administrator will be on vacation May 10-14.

No HAZ: The first No HAZ event of the season took place at Oxford Middle School last Saturday. Oakland Township had 134 households participate. The next event will be at the Oakland County Campus in Pontiac on June 24.

Sheriff's Substation: The Lieutenant is working with the Assistant Manager to update separate female and male locker rooms. The basement has also been cleaned and additional cleaning or minor updates may be handled administratively or presented to the board for approval in the future. **Clerk's Office:** The Deputy Clerk and Accounting Specialist/Election Coordinator will be attending the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) conference in Grand Rapids next week.

Fire Department: The department continues to sanitize and follow all COVID-19 protocols. Unfortunately a friend and 30+ year member of the Addison Township fire department passed this week due to COVID-19. We send our condolences to the family, friends and department. The Oakland Township department will assist the Addison department as needed during this time when possible. Oakland Township experienced two structure fires this week.

Building Department: The Building Director will be attending the Code Officials of Michigan program in Bay City May 10-12. He serves as the 2nd Director for this organization.

Planning Commission: The 2020 annual report is attached.

Upcoming Items:

Next Regular BOT Meeting: May 25 Memorial Day (Offices Closed): May 31

No Haz: June 24

X-1 Treasurer's Investment Report (pages 100-105)

This legally required very informative five page report shows where the approximately \$24,000,000 of Oakland Township money is invested and what the various fund balances are. It is much easier to read if you print it out. The township needs at least enough money (roughly \$12,000,000 by my crude estimate) to pay the bills and debt service for 9 months until taxes are collected next winter starting in December 2021.

Yager comment:

It seems that our township has had very competent financial management since at least when the 1998 Policy was written by then Manager Jim Creech. And we have had elected Treasurers with strong a financial background since at least 2012 (Jeanne Langlois 2012-2020 and John Giannangeli, 2021-present). However, the time may come when a weak Treasurer is elected. It would be a great community service for one or more residents with strong financial skills to form a committee (Citizens Finance Committee?) to understand our finances in detail and be our "watchdogs", and report to us independently to prevent any problems in the future.

Recent and Upcoming Public Body Meetings and links to documents and videos - Items in red are new since last week's report

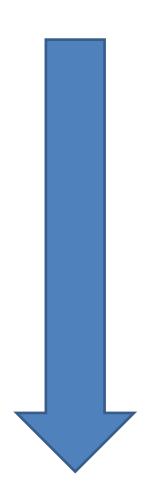
Date	Time	Public Body	Agenda	Packet - 1	Packet - 2	Minutes - Draft	Minutes - Approved	Video	Open-Hours	Closed Hours
4/13	5:30	Township Board of Trustees	<u>pdf</u>	<u>pdf</u>	-	na	<u>.pdf</u>	None	0.1	0.9
4/13	7:00	Township Board of Trustees	<u>pdf</u>	<u>pdf</u>	1	na	<u>.pdf</u>	TRUE	1.2	0
4/14	7:00	Parks and Recreation Commission	<u>pdf</u>	<u>pdf</u>	-	<u>.pdf</u>		TRUE	3.2	1.3
4/20	7:00	Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>pdf</u>	<u>pdf</u>	ı	<u>.pdf</u>		TRUE	1.3	0
4/20	7:00	Paint Creek Trailways Commission	Meeting	org)	org)	<u>.pdf</u>		None	1.6	0
4/21	7:00	Historic District Commission	<u>pdf</u>	<u>pdf</u>	-			TRUE	2.2	0
4/22	6:00	Safety Paths and Trails Committee	<u>.pdf</u>	none	none	<u>.pdf</u>		TRUE	1.3	0
4/27	7:00	Township Board of Trustees	<u>.pdf</u>	none		<u>.pdf</u>		None	0.1	1.5
4/27	7:00	Township Board of Trustees	<u>.pdf</u>	<u>.pdf</u>		<u>.pdf</u>		TRUE	0.8	0
5/4	7:00	Planning Commission	<u>.pdf</u>	<u>.pdf</u>		<u>.pdf</u>		TRUE	0.9	0
5/6	6:00	Safety Paths and Trails Committee	cancelled							
5/11	5:00	Township Board of Trustees	<u>.pdf</u>							
5/11	7:00	Township Board of Trustees	<u>.pdf</u>	<u>.pdf</u>						
5/12	7:00	Parks and Recreation Commission	.pdf							
5/18	7:00	Zoning Board of Appeals	<u>.pdf</u>							
5/19	7:00	Historic District Commission								
5/20	7:00	Library Board								
5/25	7:00	Township Board of Trustees								
5/27	5:00	Older Person's Commission	<u>/file</u>							

If any of the above links do not work, you can still find the item on the township website here: http://www.oaklandtownship.org/index.php

Parks, Recreation & Land **Preservation**

See agenda for Wednesday May 12 Meeting below or at this link:

https://ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/60119 6759.pdf



Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday May 12, 2021 7:00 p.m. - VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE GOTOMEETING

Please take notice that this meeting of the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission will be held as an electronic videoconference through the "GoToMeeting" platform. Electronic remote access, in accordance with Michigan law, will be implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in a meeting hall. The public may participate in the meeting by computer, tablet or smart phone using the following link: https://www.gotomeet.me/OaklandTownship/otpublic-govt-meetings

You can also dial in using your phone: United States: ±1 (646) 749-3112

Access Code: 248-219-757

New to GoToMeeting? Use the following link to get the app ahead of time and be ready when the meeting starts: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/248219757.

Members of the public will only be able to speak during the General Public Comment portion of the meeting and during agenda items after Commissioners have discussed the item. Such comment from the public will be limited to three minutes per person. To provide for orderly public participation, a person wishing to speak must state their name and request to be recognized by the Commission Chairperson. The Chairperson will recognize all persons wishing to speak during public comment. Public comments may also be e-mailed to parks@oaklandtownship.org prior to 4:30 pm on the date of this meeting to be read aloud at the meeting either during the agenda item to which the comment pertains or during the General Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation will provide reasonable and necessary auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities with advance notice. Please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at parks@oaklandtownship.org or 248-651-7810 at least 24 hours in advance.

MEETING AGENDA

- 7:00 PM Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and Roll Call
- 3. Announcements
- Amendments to May 12, 2021 Agenda/Approval of May 12, 2021 Agenda
- Invoice Approval: May 12, 2021 Invoices
- Approval: Minutes: April 14, 2021 Regular PRC Meeting
- 7. General Public Comment
- COVID-19 Impact Update

Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission

- For Approval: Request to Dispose of Equipment
- For Approval: Farming Licenses for Blue Heron and Watershed Ridge
 - A. Amendment 2 to 2021-2023 Agreement for Blue Heron Environmental Area
 - B. Amendment 2 to 2021-2023 Agreement for Watershed Ridge Park
- 11. For Review: Functionality Analysis for Purchase of Track Loader versus Tractor
- 12. Bear Creek Nature Park and Marsh View Park Restrooms
 - A. Project Report
 - B. For Approval: Award of Contracts for Supply and Delivery of Modular Flush Restrooms
 - Bear Creek Nature Park
 - Marsh View Park
- Paint Creek Junction Trailhead Project
 - A. Project Report
 - B. For Approval and Recommendation: Project Agreement for CFSEM Grant
 - C. For Approval: Change order for Audio Sign
 - D. For Approval: Change Order Procedure
- For Approval: Contracts for Music in the Meadows
 - A. Performers
 - B. Sound and Lighting
 - C. Mobile Stage
- 15. For Approval: Hiring of Part-time Clerical Assistant
- For Approval: Hiring of Part-time Parks and Recreation Worker
- 17. Project Report: Lost Lake Nature Park Expansion
- 18. Park Director's Report
- Commissioners' Reports
- Adjournment

Please see reverse side for Parks and Recreation Meeting Procedures.

No packet is available yet.

Meet 2021 Seasonal (Mid-April to September) Stewardship Crew

"Read about them here in Dr. Ben VanderWeide's post: Meet Our 2021 Natural Areas Stewardship Crew! | Natural Areas Notebook (oaklandnaturalareas.com)

Garlic Mustard Pull – Bear Creek Nature Park

About 10 people, including me, spent 9-12 on Tuesday morning pulling up invasive Garlic Mustard to make room for native species that support native plants, birds and wildlife.

Some information:

https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/indiana/stories-in-indiana/garlic-mustard/

Police / Sheriff

This from Manager Kline's May 7 memo:

"Sheriff's Substation: The Lieutenant is working with the Assistant Manager to update separate female and male locker rooms. The basement has also been cleaned and additional cleaning or minor updates may be handled administratively or presented to the board for approval in the future."

Events Calendars

See this to see what's available in our parks

PRC Spring 21 Newsletter.pdf

The website below also provides an enormous amount of information on available Parks, Recreation and Land Stewardship programs you can attend or volunteer for. It lists 128 events at present. I highly recommend creating an account so you can browse through everything. This is how you sign up.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation > Home (recdesk.com)

Reminders sent to my email:

Tai Chi Beginners Starts May 11

From: Deb Gallo [mailto:dgallo@oaklandtownship.org]

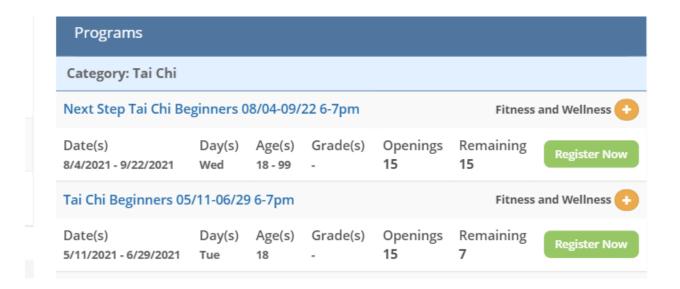
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 1:33 PM

To: Deb Gallo < dgallo@oaklandtownship.org >

Subject: Last Call - Tai Chi Beginners starts Tuesday 5/11!



Find peace and serenity from a busy, stressful day through Tai Chi. Tai Chi exercises the mind and body by increasing wellbeing and improving balance, coordination and strength. During this outdoor, in-person program, students will learn the basic forms and elegant movements of the Yang Style Short Form Tai Chi. Students should be able to support their weight while standing or bring a chair if unable to stand. Students should wear loose and comfortable clothing and shoes. No flip flops or sandals. Traditional Tai Chi shoes are optional. Bring water bottle. Led by Marci Jenkins who has over 20 years of Tai Chi training and practice. Maximum 15 participants, 8 weeks. Register online: https://oaklandtownship.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=521



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https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.org/

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