

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

WEDNESDAY March 9, 2016, 7:00 pm

The Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the funding of a park property acquisition in Section 25 of Oakland Township. The site proposed for acquisition is bordered to the south by Snell Road and to the west by Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, to which this proposed acquisition would be added.

The Public Hearing will be held Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan, 48306.

Copies of the draft grant application will be available for public inspection beginning March 4, 2016 on the Oakland Township website at www.oaklandtownship.org, at the reference desk of the Rochester Hills Public Library, at the Parks and Recreation Offices at the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI 48306 and at the Oakland Township Hall.

Written comments can be emailed to parcsplanning@oaklandtownship.org or mailed to "OT Parks 2016 MNRTF Acquisition Grant Application", 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, MI 48306, until March 22, 2016.

If you are planning to attend the hearing and require any special assistance, please notify the Parks and Recreation Director by calling 248-651-7810 as soon as possible.

Andy Zale, Chairperson, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission

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RESOLUTION 16-01

For Application to The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

At a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission held on Wednesday March 9, 2016 the following Resolution was moved by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Charter Township of Oakland in the County of Oakland takes the following action:

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Charter Township Supports the submission of an application titled "Oakland Township Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Expansion" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, for acquisition of parcels 10-25-100-009 and 10-25-200-001 in Section 25 of Oakland Township; totaling 209.13 acres which includes Michigan Natural Features Inventory Priority 2 natural areas, forests, wetlands and active farm fields. The 209.13-acre acquisition is composed of a 74-acre fee simple purchase and the purchase of less-than fee simple rights on the remaining 135 acres. Some farm field areas within the 135 acres are proposed for wetland restoration and participation in mitigation banking. Oakland Township would purchase the remaining property rights after the current land owner furnished conservation easements to the MDEQ for the creation of the wetland areas. The 209.13-acre addition could connect trail and ecological corridors with both Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park and Stony Creek Metropark, provide improved trail and vehicular access from Snell Road, increase the length of proposed multi-use trails to more than 2 miles, offer a local/regional trail head composed of a vehicular entrance and parking lot, and provide a play structure; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Approved 2015 – 2019 Oakland Township Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Charter Township of Oakland has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$738,900 matching funds derived from a combination of land preservation and parks millage funds; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Charter Township of Oakland hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for the total project cost of \$2,955,300, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$738,900 (25%) of a total of \$2,955,300 project cost, during the 2017/2018 fiscal year.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

MOTION APPROVED.

I, Karen Reilly, Charter Township of Oakland Clerk, do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Charter Township of Oakland at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306, with a quorum present.

Dated: _____

Karen Reilly, Clerk, Charter Township of Oakland