

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of August, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5.30 pm by S. Soderstrom at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Susan Soderstrom Jet Kilmer Tom Pettit Frankie Millstead Brad Hester Clark Kent	Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson Jamie Weasel Debra Gilbert Carol Neumann Kelly McNamara	Director Assistant Director Senior Center Coordinator Office Manager Programmer
Absent:	Sylvester Jones Andy Taylor	Commissioner Maintenance Supervisor

Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve minutes from June 16, 2011. Motion made by J. Kilmer, support provided by T. Petit. Yeas-6 Nays-0 Motion accepted.

Directors Report

S. Soderstrom asked for an update on the facilities improvement funding through Genesee County. K. Eidson noted it is supposed to be voted on the week of August 21 and added that we are still in contention to receive the funding but will have to await the results of the vote.

T. Petit asked for an update on the soccer fields. K. Eidson noted so far everything seems to be going well. Currently we are working with AYSO and Flint Arrows to get practice and game schedules.

S. Soderstrom asked for an update on the volleyball courts project. K. Eidson noted that it has been a challenge with the rain and some unexpected expenses but is moving in the right direction.

Assistant Directors Report

S. Soderstrom inquired about how attendance was at the Summer Concerts Series at Physicians Park. J. Weasel noted that the concerts went well but may have had a few less in attendance compared to other years due to the very hot and humid temperatures. J. Weasel reported that the final concert of the season was a huge success. The final group was Topper Most, which was a Beatles tribute band, and was probably the biggest turn out since we hosted Three Men and a Tenor several years ago.

Recreation Programmer

S. Soderstrom noted that she heard we were offered a seat on the Little League board.

K. McNamara confirmed that information and noted a meeting was scheduled for August 20th at which time they will determine who will be assigned to the different functions of the organization. A meeting is also planned for the 2nd week of September to kick off the planning for the 2012 season.

B. Hester inquired about how the softball went for the older girls. K. McNamara indicated that it went well but noted there were some areas that needed to be addressed going forward. She noted the coaches were great but there were some issues of talent not being equally distributed among the teams. A second issue was related to the Burton groups that joined our league. McNamara noted they were more of a competitive level and not a recreation group as we promote our program. Their advanced skill caused some issues especially since we had a lot of first year players from the Grand Blanc registrations.

Maintenance Supervisor

No questions.

Senior Center Coordinator

J. Kilmer inquired about our membership requirement for the senior center. D. Gilbert noted it is suggested members make a donation. K. Eidson noted when the millage was put in place it was not acceptable to require membership dues so a donation is now the recommended avenue.

Administration & Policy

T. Petit noted at the May meeting, the Commission requested Director Eidson to consult Attorney Walt Griffin regarding legality of establishing retirement health care policy for some eligible employees but excluding others. Griffin rendered the opinion it was legal for the Commission to adopt such a policy. T. Petit noted they would like to go forward with the proposed policy as defined in the Administration and Policy Report presented in July 2011. T. Petit made a motion and support was provided by B. Hester.
6 Yeas – 0 Nays

Budget & Finance Committee

Did not meet

Senior Committee

B. Hester noted a meeting was held in June to sit down with the new Senior Coordinator to discuss her impression of the Senior Center and to allow her to share any plans or ideas she was contemplating. The results of this meeting were shared in the July Senior Committee Report. B. Hester noted the committee was very pleased with the performance of D. Gilbert.

S. Soderstrom asked for an overview of the potential Eastside partnership. K. Eidson noted D. Gilbert has been approached by the Chairman of the Eastside organization to partner in overseeing the housing portion of their operation and act as an advisor to the senior staff. Eastside would partner/contract with Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation, which would provide additional funds to the Senior Center budget and provide Gilbert with additional compensation. Some of the responsibilities may need to be handled outside of normal eight hour work day but much of it could be handled via phone and e-mail during the normal business day. Eidson noted that the contract will provide the Grand Blanc Senior Center approximately \$1700 per month in additional funding.

Area & Facilities Committee

Did not meet

Correspondence

None.

Old Business

None

New Business

S. Soderstrom made a motion to request a liquor license for the 2011 Family Fun Fest Beer Tent. Support was provided by B. Hester. 6 Yeas – 0 Nays

K. Eidson noted the Commissioners should expect to receive an invitation from Grand Blanc Township to a ribbon cutting event for the new trail. The event is scheduled to take place on September 14th 6-8pm.

Financials

T. Petit made a motion to accept the June financials as presented. J. Kilmer provided support. 6 yeas – 0 Nays. Motion approved.

T. Petit made a motion to accept the July financials as presented. B. Hester provided support. J. Kilmer asked about the golf cart as noted in the Maintenance Supervisor's report. Kilmer wanted to know if the funding for that would come from the equipment fund. K.Eidson noted the repair would come out of the equipment fund provided that it meets the minimum expenditure amount. Yeas 6 – Nays 0

J. Kilmer made a motion to adjourn as there was no further business to discuss. T. Petit provided support. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5.53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Hester, Secretary
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