

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 17, 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 Sylvester Jones Frankie Millstead Clark Kent	Chairman Vice Chairman Treasurer Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson Jamie Weasel Vickie Michelson Kelly McNamara	Director Assistant Director Senior Center Coordinator Programmer
Absent:	Andy Taylor Carol Neumann Brad Hester	Maintenance Supervisor Office Manager Secretary

Guest: Tom Toohey – Made presentation regarding “Time Banking”, a concept of trading of services.

J. Kilmer requested motion to add Area & Facilities Committee report to agenda. Motion made by C. Kent and supported by T. Pettit. Motion Carried Yeas-6 Nays-0

S. Soderstrom appointed T. Pettit as Treasurer. T. Pettit accepted.

Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve minutes from Jan. 20, 2011. Motion by J. Kilmer, support by T. Pettit to approve the Jan. 20, 2011 minutes. S. Jones noted a needed correction to dog park solicitation information to include– if donations do not generate enough funds to meet required goal all funds will revert to GBPR general fund. Motion made by J. Kilmer and supported by T. Pettit to approve minutes as corrected. Motion Carried Yeas-6 Nays-0

Directors Report

S. Soderstrom requested update on soccer fields. K. Eidson noted she has had several conversations with Attorney D. Lattie regarding payment to Spicer but has not received contract verbage from D. Lattie to proceed. GBPR, via the Township, is filing an extension on the grant. K. Eidson stated the case was scheduled to go to mediation, but D. Holmes attorney has not responded to request for information, so mediation process has not taken place.

S. Soderstrom requested update on carport. K. Eidson attended pre-construction meeting. 2-17-2011 Currently frost laws are in place and construction cannot begin until they have been lifted. Project is scheduled to be completed by the end of May and should take approximately one week.

S. Soderstrom requested update on office building. K. Eidson met with M. Cieciva, R. Byrne and D. Dunnill regarding purchasing the building. He is offering "fair market price" and is putting together another lease agreement for the City and Township. It may include option to apply lease toward purchase of building. At this time K. Eidson is awaiting more information from M. Cieciva.

S. Soderstrom requested update on Sports Metric program. K. Eidson responded that it "didn't fly." Eidson noted it is somewhat of an expensive program, and coaches have kids involved in other things.

S. Soderstrom inquired about the meeting with new Senior Services Coordinator. K. Eidson noted that she thinks she will do a nice job and will hold the City of Flint more accountable.

J. Kilmer requested information about conference attended by K. Eidson in regards to using social media. K. Eidson responded that we put up our Facebook page today, 2-17-2011. J. Kilmer stated that on April 1, 2011 there will be a social media expert presenting at the Chamber meeting and we may want to GBPR staff attend.

S. Soderstrom requested update on the dog park. K. Eidson says we have received a total of \$50 in donations. The dog park representatives want to create an icon on the web page so that people may donate via the website. A request has been put in with Spud Software to have that added, and the dog park representatives have agreed to absorb the cost.

Assistant Directors Report

J. Kilmer requested update on the low attendance of Daddy Daughter Dance. It was suggested we change the date. J. Weasel is open to trying another month to generate better participation.

S. Soderstrom inquired if there are any bands for summer concerts that would be willing to play for free. J. Weasel replied that there are such bands; however they are not very reputable. J. Kilmer and K. Eidson are concerned this could effect the positive reputation of the summer concert series. S. Soderstrom suggested the possibility of collecting donations. K. Eidson responded that we would want the City's blessing first. It was decided staff would discuss with R. Byrne.

Recreation Programmer

S. Soderstrom and the Commission welcomed K. McNamara.

J. Kilmer inquired about the Spring Fling and how sign up is going. K. McNamara noted that she would be going to Middle Schools East & West next week to promote the event.

Maintenance Supervisor

J. Kilmer asked what we did with the 8ft fence removed from the tennis courts. K. Eidson responded that it went to the scrap yard.

S. Soderstrom requested an update on the sled hill and ice skating rink. K. Eidson replied that we made almost four times more profit from Jan.-March than previous year. J. Weasel replied the ice skating rink had best season in years, but is likely closed for season due to recent warm weather.

Senior Center Coordinator

S. Soderstrom thanked Vickie for her service. K. Eidson will post open position and will plan open house for appropriate send off.

Correspondence

S. Jones asked for clarification on Dept. of Natural Resources and the need for approval for changes.

K. Eidson clarified that the approval is necessary because the tennis courts were originally built with a grant. If changed from one recreational program to another the DNR can make the approval. If it were a change from recreation to another use, approval would have to go through the National Park Service.

Area & Facilities

J. Kilmer reported the committee met via email and voted in favor of jointly purchasing a fertilizer spreader with the Township, as it will save money in the long run. J. Kilmer made motion to approve purchase of the spreader at a cost of \$3,750.00 to the Commission. T. Pettit supported motion. Motion Carried Yeas-6 Nays-0

J. Kilmer inquired about qualified staff to spread fertilizer. K. Eidson stated that we have one maintenance staff that is certified for one more year to use the spreader. It is believed that the township has a couple of staff who are also certified. The certification is good for 3 to 5 years.

Old Business

S. Soderstrom wanted to know what the agreement was with AYSO on soccer fields that was originally signed. K. Eidson indicated it is a 15yr. contract with a per player fee. Based on the contract, AYSO has first right to fields during their seasons. K. Eidson noted that she has tried to make contact with them several times to set up a meeting.

New Business

J. Kilmer inquired whether or not the tennis camps at Genesys are sponsored by the school or coach and are they a conflict with our tennis program. K. Eidson responded we are not currently offering a tennis program so there is not a conflict and the schools have a strong relationship with Genesys.

Financials

T. Pettit made motion and S. Soderstrom provided support to accept financials as presented. Motion Carried Yeas-6 Nays-0

S. Jones made a motion to adjourn as there was no further business to discuss. J. Kilmer provided support. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Hester, Secretary
BH/CN