

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 18, 2010

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6.00 pm by S. Soderstrom at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

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| Commission Present: | Sue Soderstrom | Chairman |
| | Jet Kilmer | Vice Chairman (Arrived Late) |
| | Brad Hester | Commissioner |
| | Tom Pettit | Treasurer |
| | Frankie Millstead | Commissioner |

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| Staff Present: | Kae Eidson | Director |
| | Jamie Weasel | Assistant Director |
| | Vicki Michelson | Senior Center Coordinator |
| | Andy Taylor | Maintenance Supervisor |
| | Ann Bouchard | Programmer |
| | Carol Neumann | Office Manager |

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| Absent: | Chad Blakley | Commissioner |
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Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve the Jan 21, 2010 minutes. Motion made by F. Millstead and supported by T. Petit. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director's Report

Kae attended the City and Township of Grand Blanc department head staff meetings and the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors for the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce.

K. Eidson met with a CINTAS representative to review our accounts at our general office and the Senior Center. The director also met with a representative from Flagstar Bank to obtain information and materials to open a new Accounts Payable checking account. Kae met with K. Trumbo of View Newspapers to discuss Senior Center Newsletter.

K. Eidson met with Commissioner and Varsity Softball Coach B. Hester and Assistant Coach M. Titsworth along with a representative of Advanced Physical Therapy to discuss new program idea.

K. Eidson met with Township Manager D. Dunnill to discuss the process of replacing Trustee and Commissioner B. Clevenger. They also discussed the renewal of the Recreation Master Plan.

K. Eidson and J. Weasel met with new Board of Education Commission Appointees F. Millstead and C. Blakely to discuss background and structure of Commission. Kae and Jamie also met with Township Staff, representatives of Dean Holmes Excavating and the Spicer Group to try and resolve dispute over soccer fields between the two parties. Kae and Jamie also met with two representatives from the Flint Journal who unveiled new ideas the Journal will be employing in the Community Newspapers.

Kae attended the MRPA Awards Committee meeting in E. Lansing in preparation for the upcoming Community Service Awards Ceremony.

Kae also reported that she continues to work on preparations for the annual Hard Times Party, ordering supplies, securing donations, preparing Liquor License Application and communicating with Chairperson A. Tykocki. She has also been working with the City of Grand Blanc and J. Weasel on the Summer Concert Series. They are currently in the process of securing funding, reserving the stage and negotiating with prospective bands.

Kae included a copy of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission 2009 Year End Report as part of this report.

Kae attended the annual conference of Michigan Recreation and Park Association in Grand Rapids.

Assistant Director's Report

Jamie assisted with the Special Needs Winter Wonderland Dance. Approximately 80 attended the event. He also helped with the Daddy/Daughter Date Night. We sold 115 tickets and the theme was Chinese New Year. The dad hula hoop contest was brought back this year. Ticket sales were a little slow this year. Overall our numbers were down 90 tickets from last year.

Jamie attended the annual Michigan Parks and Recreation Conference in Grand Rapids. He has several copies of handouts/power points from several sessions if anyone wished to take them.

J. Weasel visited several programs over the last month including adult basketball, You Go Girl Basketball, swimming, First Step Basketball and Bambino/Junior League Basketball. Things have been running smoothly thanks to our outstanding on-site supervisors. Adjustments have been made to You Go Girl Basketball, which has very few girls this year.

Jamie reported that the sled hill is open again after the recent snow. The ice rink has not reopened. The hill is staffed on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and on school closings, it has been used extensively.

Jamie released information to coaches and players of adult softball about our upcoming 2010 season. Registration begins this month.

J. Weasel reported that our permits have been turned in for summer building usage in the schools. A meeting will likely take place next month to finalize locations.

Jamie has started work on the Summer/Fall booklet which will be mailed in April. He is meeting with Lisa from Grand Blanc Printing to set the layout for the book on March 1st.

J. Weasel has started reserving bands to play during the Summer Concert Series. We probably book one out of 20 bands that send in their promo packet. This is a hard process with so many interested/talented bands and so few concerts.

Recreation Programmer Report

Ann Bouchard reported that the Junior League Basketball program ended up with 14 teams in three divisions. We had an overwhelming demand for 5/6 grade level and added two additional teams to fulfill registration. The skills clinic that was offered for the first three weeks of play had great participation and was utilized mostly by the third-sixth graders.

A. Bouchard reported that the You Go Girl Basketball program had low participation this year. The 3rd and 4th grade league had to be revamped to allow more valuable playing time.

Ann reported that the intramural basketball program is taking place at both middle schools. There are approximately 20 boys participating in each gym.

Ann also reported that the Kids Konnection After-School program filled maximum enrollment in six of seven elementary schools. The program at Reid Elementary was cancelled due to low enrollment. The program facilitator met with the instructor at Reid and gave him some ideas on how to boost enrollment. A. Bouchard also reported that the bowling program offered through Grand Blanc Lanes has had steady enrollment.

Ann facilitated the Winter Wonderland Dance for families and children with special needs. The program had approximately 80 participants and it received great feedback from those who attended. VIP Basketball is running weekly at Brendel Elementary with a few new faces this year.

A. Bouchard attended the Daddy Daughter Date Night. The theme was Chinese New Year. Participation was low but dads had a great time participating in the hula hoop contest.

A. Bouchard also reported that Little League registration is filling up fast for T-ball, Coach Pitch, Rookie, and Minor levels. The Majors and Junior levels are slowly registering and the Senior division has only one player. Ann also reported on several upcoming events: Spring Fling, Hard Times Party, and registration for youth softball is now open.

Maintenance Supervisor

Andy Taylor reported that it has been a great winter for the sledding hill. Some repairs were made to one of the snow machines the last time it was used. A bearing had to be replaced.

A. Taylor stated that the maintenance staff as been assisting with the painting of the office interior by mostly moving furniture. So far, only the front lobby, Kae and Jamie's offices have been completed.

Andy reported that John Sopha has been involved in replacing three of the computers in the office and updating software. Andy and his staff have also been seeking donations for the Hard Times Party and making plans for staffing the event.

Administration & Policy

Administration and policy met via e-mail. T. Petit, B. Hester and F. Millstead participated. K. Eidson proposed to the committee, that the director be allowed to be one of the two required signatures on the accounts payable account. The proposal was made as a matter of timeliness and sometimes convenience to staff and commissioners. T. Petit made a motion to add K. Eidson as a signer on the newly opened checking account with Flagstar. J. Kilmer provided support. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Budget & Finance

No report / Did not meet

Senior Committee

No report / Did not meet

V. Michelson noted that tax program being offered at the senior center is expected to be well attended. Currently there are about 273 people scheduled to utilize this program.

V. Michelson also noted that they are working with Jim and Betty Hendrickson on scheduling dances to be held at the senior center. The senior community seem to enjoy the dances and the dances are usually are well attended.

V. Michelson noted that all the senior programs are doing extremely well.

Area & Facilities

No Report / Did not meet

New Business

Old Business

None to report

Financial Reports

T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for January 2010
Support provided by J. Kilmer. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

B. Hester made a motion to adjourn as there was no further business to discuss. T. Pettit
provided support. Yeas-5 Nays-0 Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Hester, Secretary
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