

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of July 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Susan Soderstrom at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
	Tom Pettit	Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Vicki Mickelson	Senior Center Coordinator
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager
Absent:	Ted Brundle	Secretary
Guests:	Roberto Acosta / Burton View & Grand Blanc View	
	Tom Toohey / Grand Blanc Arts Council	

Guest

Roberto Acosta from the Burton View and the Grand Blanc View was present at the meeting but made no comments and had nothing to present. Also in attendance was Tom Toohey from the Grand Blanc Arts Council. Mr. Toohey stopped to offer a reminder of the upcoming Art Fair to be held at Physicians Park on Aug. 8 & 9th. Also, thanked the Commission for use of the Senior Center for their board meetings.

Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve the June 18, 2009 minutes. Motion made by J. Kilmer and supported by G. Gratsch. Yeas-6 Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director's Report

Director Kae Eidson continues to attend regular staff meetings at the City and Township when scheduled, as well as Chamber of Commerce meetings and Kiwanis meetings.

The Director attended a mandatory meeting at Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Office regarding the 2009-2010 budget year for the countywide Senior Citizens millage. Director was informed the County is expecting a 9% loss in tax revenue but the forecast is that it will impact senior centers by no more than 5%.

The Director attended and participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for "The Jewel" golf course. Additionally, the director attended a reception to promote the grand re-opening of the golf course.

The Director continues to participate in meetings associated with the soccer field project. K. Eidson attended a pre-bid meeting at Creasey Bicentennial Park along with R. Eggers of the Spicer Group, J. Weasel, A. Taylor, and potential contractors.

The Director attended several meetings regarding the upcoming Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest. First meeting was a general planning meeting. A second meeting was attended with J. Kilmer and R. Alvarez to discuss possible festival sponsorships. Additionally, the Director has spent time finalizing contracts with suppliers and soliciting potential sponsors for the Family Fun Fest event.

The Director attended a meeting with J. Weasel and Grand Blanc Schools Superintendent Dr. M. Newton to discuss past facility conflicts and future remedies. K. Eidson advised that Dr. Newton indicated that he would work harder to schedule activities around our needs. Dr. Newton asked K. Eidson to speak at one of their upcoming meetings to re-visit what was established in the previous agreements as there is no one left in the organization that was part of the original agreement established between Grand Blanc Schools and Grand Blanc Park and Recreation.

The Director met with EBay rep. M. Vanitvelt and Asst. Director J. Weasel at the Senior Center to discuss putting the old senior van up for auction. As reported at the July 16th commission meeting the van was placed out for bid and was sold for \$3,100.00 which was better than expected. The Director also attended a meeting with M. Kilmer of Sign-A Rama to discuss lettering / decal for the new senior center shuttle bus.

The Director also attended and assisted in the 22nd annual Grand Blanc Youth Baseball Tournament. Despite some early morning weather issues on Sat. the Tournament was a success. Additionally, the Director spent time helping to coordinate equipment and information for the concerts and assisted the City with the Farmers Market.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director J. Weasel provided an update regarding Summer Programs. Some of the programs are coming to a close and the remaining are just past their mid-point. Programs are going well and the staff is doing a great job.

The Assistant Director reported a note worthy item related to the Track Program. On July 10th, the Michigan Hershey Track and Field meet was held in Holt, MI and one of the participants in the Grand Blanc Track Program finished first. The participant is now qualified to participate in the national event in Hershey, PA.

The Assistant Director provided an update on the Summer Concert Series being held at Physicians' Park on Tuesday evenings. The concert series kicked off on July 7 with a crowd of approximately 600. Concessions are doing well and additional help is being provided by the Grand Blanc Kiwanis Club.

Additional program updates were provided by J. Weasel. The Theater program is scheduled to perform "The Jungle Book" on July 16th and 17th at High School West. The new supervisor has done a very nice job with the theater group this year.

Assistant Director advised that adult softball is wrapping up and only had a few games that were rescheduled due to weather related issues. It was also noted that kickball started on Wed. July 8th and the number of teams increased from 14 to 16.

Additionally reported was the fact that Splash Pad numbers are down for the month of June due to cold, wet weather. We are hoping for some summer weather some time soon to drive up attendance.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent provided updates on the summer programs. Camp CARE was very well received by parents, children, and staff. Kellie was very please with the staff and their efforts to make the three week camp a positive experience for the children. Kellie received several phone calls from parents with positive feedback. Kellie is planning to mail an evaluation form to the parents to help plan for next year's program. Related to the Special Needs program is that a \$1000 donation was received from Dave Donahue from PD's Pub. Donation was a result of a Red Wings Fundraiser in June. The owners of PD's Pub, Dave and Scott, have been very supportive of the Special Needs Program and we are very appreciative of their efforts. They will be sponsoring a Golf Outing on Sept. 20th. This is the 2nd annual PD's Pub Special Needs Golf outing. Mark your calendars for this special event. Also note that the hole sponsorship is \$50.

Kellie Sergent reported on Kellie's Kraft Korner which is in its 5th summer. There are 8 children participating this season all showing a great deal of creativity. It is a great group of kids!

Kellie provided an end of the season update on the Little League program. She indicated that the season ran pretty smoothly with a great crop of new and experienced umpires, as well as MHSAA certified umpires for the older kids. Discussion is planned for the direction of the 2010 season, with President Judd Whyatt, in the near future.

Kellie also gave an update on the 22nd Annual Baseball Tournament which has occupied much of her time in the last few weeks. The Tournament was scheduled for July 10-12 at Bicentennial and GB Middle School Fields. Despite several teams that dropped at the last minute Kellie was able to secure a full tournament with only one division below 8 teams. Kellie offered a special thanks to Kae Eidson, Jamie Weasel and the rest of the staff for their continued help in making this a successful event every year.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the summer season is at its mid point and things are going well. The maintenance staff is busy with the day to day operations. Along with the day to day operations at Bicentennial, the maintenance crew also was on hand to help set up our large tent and stage for the kick off to the Famers Market. Stage was used by the Flint Banjo Club that provided entertainment.

Andy Taylor reported on the start of the summer concert series. Andy noted that instead of renting a generator this year they will be using one that belongs to the Township. It is a little loud but thanks to the City DPW for parking one of their large trucks in front of it, the noise is not an issue.

Andy Taylor reported on the baseball tournament which marks the end of the summer baseball programs. A minor rain storm on Saturday set the day back about three hours but after that it was smooth sailing.

Administration & Policy

Did not meet. No report.

Budget & Finance

Did not meet. No report.

Senior Committee

Did not meet. No Report:

Area & Facilities

Did not meet. No Report

New Business

Note that the next meeting will be held at the park on Aug. 20th –dinner will be ready at 5:45. The meeting will start a little earlier to provide time for dinner.

The Taste of Grand Blanc tickets will be available at the Chamber and Park & Rec. Office. The price is \$15 for advance tickets and \$20 at the door.

Old Business

No Report

Financial Reports

T. Pettit made a motion to accept the financial reports for June 2009, support proved by Brad Hester

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
TB/CN

