

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Dec 14, 2009

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

Commission Present:	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Tom Pettit	Commissioner
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Vicki Michelson	Senior Center Coordinator
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Ann Bouchard	Programmer
Absent:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager

### Minutes

J. Kilmer requested motion to approve the Nov. 19, 2009 minutes. Motion made by B. Clevenger and supported by T. Pettit.

Discussion ensued with J. Kilmer noting that it is important to stick to the commission meeting protocol in regard to time allotted for guest comments whether receiving asking questions. Straying from this protocol hinders the Commission from staying on task with the pre-distributed agenda.

Motion Carried Yeas-6 Nays-0

### Director's Report

Kae Eidson, Director reported on several meetings she attended in November including a meeting with Township DPW Director K. Richardson, Manager Dick Dunhill, and Attorney D. Lattie to discuss AT & T Easement request.

Kae attended City of Grand Blanc department head staff meeting and also attended the Monthly Board of Directors meeting for the GB Chamber of Commerce. Additional meetings attended were the MRPA Awards Committee meeting in Troy, a GBPR meeting with the Area and Facilities Committee to discuss proposals for Creasey Bicentennial Park, and also met with the Administration and Policy Committee to review K. Eidson's evaluation.

K. Eidson & Carol Neumann attended a records management workshop in Lansing.

K. Eidson & C. Neumann met with Sr. Coordinator V. Michelson and Sr. Administrative Asst. M. Moen. Meeting was held to review reimbursement and payment request procedures, as well as luncheon and newsletter mailing procedures.

K. Eidson and J. Weasel met with Little League President Chuck Sekrenes to discuss upcoming baseball season.

A training session on the new web site was held at Spud Software. K. Eidson, J. Weasel, A. Bouchard and C. Neumann were all in attendance.

GBPR received 35 applications for the GBPR programming position. J. Weasel and K. Eidson held six interviews for the programmer position. After the completion of the interviews a meeting was held between J. Weasel and K. Eidson to discuss candidates. A final meeting was held at which time A. Bouchard was offered the position.

K. Eidson attended a meeting with Township manager D. Dunhill, DPW Director K. Richardson and Asst. Director J. Weasel to discuss the soccer field project.

### **Assistant Director's Report**

J. Weasel provided update on a new water polo program to be offered this winter. Jamie has been working with Dan Command, varsity water polo coach, to provide a program that will meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday @ GB East HS. At this time there are 24 participants enrolled in the program.

J. Weasel reported on a training session that took place at Spud Software to get the staff up to speed on the new website. The website will be live and ready for on-line registration that will kick off on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jamie reported on the new Winter/Spring Program Flyer. GBPR worked on the flyer with the Grand Blanc View which delivered the insert as part of the first publication in December. GBPR is pleased with the format and feels it will increase exposure for programs throughout the community.

J. Weasel noted that winter registration began on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Winter programs will include the following: gymnastics in cooperation with the Grand Blanc Gymnastic Company, swimming, youth basketball, special needs programming and the Daddy Daughter Date Night. Registration for winter programs will continue on

through January. Jamie also made note that the Annual Santa Hotline will be open from 3:45pm – 5:00pm on December 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>.

J. Weasel reported on the adult basketball program and noted that there are several new teams this season. Curtis Williams is supervising this program and everything seems to be going very well.

### **Recreation Programmer Report**

Ann Bouchard, the newest member of Grand Blanc Parks & Recreation provided a brief introduction of herself and noted that she is very excited to be a part of the Grand Blanc Parks & Recreation team. Ann has been working with J. Weasel getting up to speed on the operations of GBPR and preparing herself for the upcoming winter programs.

Ann reported that the Junior League Basketball program is about to begin. Ann has been making contact with former coaches, updating player information and promoting the league in the community. Ann passed out our JLB fliers to players currently participating in the GB High School Big Six program. Ann also distributed the fliers at the parent information seminar at McGrath Elem., along with all the other program information. Contacts at East and West middle school have also been made for the middle school intramural basketball program.

The new web site is up and running and A. Bouchard noted that she has been training on the admin site. Ann has been working on adding the program information to the new website so online registration will be available for participants.

Ann advised that the Special Needs Soccer program ended and she has been working with parents on ideas for future programs. Ann noted that she had made contact with the Autism Organization in which most of our participants are involved.

Ann reported that the fall after school program, Kids Konnection, has ended and the program was a success and we had a large number of participants. Ann is coordinating dates for the upcoming winter and spring session and noted that two new locations will be added for those sessions.

### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Andy Taylor reported that there has not been a lot of new activity since the last report. He noted that winter activities should be picking up with colder temperatures nearing. Supplies and equipment are in place for the sledding hill to open. Andy noted that he had not received any communication from the city DPW regarding the ice rink at Physicians Park.

Andy provided an update on the status of the softball dugouts and noted that all work has been completed with the exception of reinstalling the fence.

**Administration & Policy**

No report / Did not meet

**Budget & Finance**

No report / Did not meet

**Senior Committee**

No report / Did not meet

**Area & Facilities**

Tom made the motion to direct K. Eidson to write a letter to the Michigan DNR requesting permission to remove four tennis courts at Creasey Bicentennial Park. J. Kilmer provided support. Yeas-6 Nays-0

**New Business**

B. Hester inquired about availability of fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park, if there was interest on the part of the Girls Softball Program run by N. Elledge and D. Proffer, to move league play to the park. Eidson responded that request would need to be made soon as Little League Baseball is already in the process of scheduling. In future years there would be consideration for the softball program.

**Old Business**

None to report

**Financial Reports**

T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for November. Support provided by B. Clevenger. Yeas-6 Nays-0

Gary Gratch took a brief moment to thank the Commission for the opportunity to serve on the Grand Blanc Park and Recreation board. He noted what a pleasure it was working with everyone and wished GBPR continued success. Motion made by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer, to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
TB/CN