

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Nov. 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:58 pm by Sue Soderstrom at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	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 Mickelson	Senior Center Coordinator
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager
Absent:	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
Guest	Dick Dunhill / Grand Blanc Township Manager	

Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve the Oct 15, 2009 minutes. Motion made by J. Kilmer and supported by B. Clevenger. Yeas-7 Nays-0

Director's Report

Kae Eidson, Director reported on several meetings she attended in September. Including meetings with Township DPW Director K. Richardson to discuss projects at Creasey Bicentennial Park. Kae met with Grand Blanc Community Schools Principals and Administrators, attended City of Grand Blanc department head staff meeting, attended the Executive Committee meeting for the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce, and attended the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest committee meeting. Eidson also attended a construction update meeting regarding soccer fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park with representatives from Spicer Group, GB Township, Jetstream Inc. and Dean Holmes Excavating.

Kae also attended meetings with Assistant Director J. Weasel. Both met with D. Holmes in regards to new soccer fields, met with K. Richardson and a representative of Michigan Fence regarding enhancements to the dugouts for the adult softball fields. They also met with CEO of Spud Software, D. Sommer, to discuss development of new website. The expectation is that the new website will be up and running by Dec 9th which will be the first day for winter registration.

The Director also played in and represented GBPR at the PD's Pub golf outing benefiting the GBPR special needs programming and operated the beer tent at the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest.

Interviews were conducted by both Kae and Jamie for a part-time clerical position.

Kae Eidson gave an update on the new soccer fields and had numerous photos displayed. It was noted that fall of 2010 is the projected date that the fields will be open for play. K. Eidson also noted that AYSO was in on Nov. 18 to confirm that they are ready to sign a contract with GBPR. AYSO noted that the delay was because they were waiting on approval from the national level of the organization. K. Eidson noted that a motion needed to be made to approve payment for Dean Holmes Excavation.

J. Kilmer made the motion to approve payment to Dean Holmes. T. Petit provided support . Yeas- 7 Nays-0

K. Eidson provided an update regarding the request from ATT for an easement involving the cell tower. Request is now being handled by the township attorney who will attempt to renegotiate the cell tower contract.

Assistant Director's Report

J. Weasel reported that Junior League Football held their final game at the high school field. The games were very competitive and the coaches did a great job with the kids again this year.

The Assistant Director also stated that the Flag Football and 1st Step Football programs also ended on October 17th. Flag Football program grew by two teams this season and was very successful. The 1st Step Football was filled to capacity and parents and children enjoyed the program.

Men's Adult Basketball league started on Monday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 11. Both nights have six teams. Curtis Williams will again be the Adult Basketball Supervisor.

Jamie stated that the winter/spring program flyer is in the process of being completed. It will be distributed in late November/early December through the Grand Blanc View. We have collaborated with Kathy Trumbo of the Grand Blanc View to offer a new format that should reach many more potential customers and make a larger visual impact. The flyer will have our traditional winter/spring offerings of youth basketball, swim, youth baseball and softball, special needs programming and special events.

Jamie has been working with Dan Command, the Grand Blanc High School Water Polo Coach to offer water polo this winter for high school students. The Girls Water Polo starts November 23 and has 15 participants. The Boys and the Introduction Water Polo classes do not have enough students to start in November.

Ann Bouchard and Jamie have organized the back room, the storage at the Senior Center, and the Little League building. Equipment has been acquired over the years that needed to be organized.

Jamie assisted with the Special Needs "Holiday Harvest" dance on November 12. Over 80 participants pre-registered, which is the largest group ever. Crafts were added this year and were well received.

Jamie also listed a few upcoming events: Adult Basketball begins November 9th, Winter Registration starts December 9th, and the Sledding Hill opens December ??

Recreation Programmer Report

None

Maintenance Supervisor

Andy Taylor stated that all restrooms and water lines have been winterized. The concession stand has also been cleaned out and supplies have been stored. Picnic tables and extra trash barrels have been stored as well. Port-a-potties have been picked up or moved to winter activity positions.

The side walls for the sledding hill warming shelter have been installed and straw bales placed around the base. We are in the process of checking out snow guns, hoses and other equipment.

Andy reported that the Township DPW has completed installation of concrete in the softball field dug-outs and Michigan Fence will be re-installing fences this week. The flower beds around the main pavilion and small pavilion have been re-mulched with material given to us by Davey Company.

The Maintenance Supervisor also reported that the hydro-seeding of the last soccer field was completed and the irrigation system was winterized by Jetstream. Andy recommends having Jetstream do this annually so that all damage to system over winter regarding pipelines and sprinkler heads is covered.

Andy also stated that truck and tractor plows have been checked out and salt for Senior Center has been delivered.

Administration & Policy

No report / Did not meet

Budget & Finance

T. Petit made a motion to approve the latest revision of the 2010 Budget. Support was provided by B. Clevenger. Yeas-7 Nays-0

Senior Committee

No report / Did not meet

Area & Facilities

No report / Did not meet

New Business

None to report

Old Business

None to report

Financial Reports

T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for October. Support provided by B. Clevenger. Yeas-7 Nays-0

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