

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of Sept. 17, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:55 pm by Sue 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
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Tom Pettit	Commissioner
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Vicki Mickelson	Senior Center Coordinator
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager
Absent :	Brad Hester	Commissioner
Guests:	Tom Toohey / Grand Blanc Art Council	
	Roger Buell / Civil Engineer from Township	

### **Guests:**

Tom Toohey from the Grand Blanc Art Council addressed the Commission thanking them for their support of the Grand Blanc Art Fair. Mr. Toohey also noted that Dec. 6 will be the date for decorating and lighting of the Grand Blanc Christmas tree.

### **Minutes**

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve the August 20, 2009 minutes. Motion made by J. Kilmer and supported by B. Clevenger. Yeas-6 Nays-0. Motion approved.

## Director's Report

Director Kae Eidson attended all regular meetings with Grand Blanc Township, Chamber of Commerce, and City of Grand Blanc. As well as attending meetings to discuss possible redesign of website with Spud Software, Family Fun Fest Committee meeting, and Budget and Finance Committee to discuss 2010 budget.

The Director attended an informational staff meeting at G.B. Township to receive information on the new insurance plan. Commissioner S. Soderstrom raised questions regarding the new health insurance program and how it would impact GBPR. Eidson provided a brief overview noting that we will pay less in premiums up front, but overall cost will be impacted based on charges the individual employee/family have against their policy. It will take a full year to determine if it is a successful cost cutting method.

The Director also met with Township Manager D. Dunnill and Township Participating Plan Risk Management Rep. C. White to review and update any new programs and facilities.

The Director also met with D. Dunnill to discuss budget and office relocation concerns. Following this meeting, Kae met with Township Attorney D. Lattie and D. Dunnill to discuss aspects of AYSO agreement. Eidson noted at the Commission meeting that she had not heard from AYSO in more than a week. AYSO had a board meeting Sept. 15 with no update to GBPR. Eidson indicated that we are moving forward with or without AYSO.

K. Eidson attended an additional township meeting in which she was advised that a \$5,000-\$50,000 reduction was possible in 2010. Nothing finalized at this point.

The Director and Assistant Director, Jamie, met with Grand Blanc View General Manager K. Trumbo to discuss an insert for the Winter/Spring program and continued partnership of Senior Center insert.

K. Eidson prepared and attended going away party for Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent.

The Director attended an update meeting on the soccer field construction project with representatives from the Spicer Group, Dean Holmes, Grand Blanc Township, and Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation.

Along with all above stated meetings, the Director continues to send communications to AYSO reps. to finalize agreement for the soccer fields. Eidson also prepared and submitted a required update on the soccer field project to the Michigan DNR.

The Director has spent a lot of time finalizing plans for the Family Fun Fest. Liquor license application has been submitted and we anticipate receiving it back shortly. We have had great support from the community and Commission members helping us get new sponsors.

The Director has completed and submitted the July County Senior Citizens Millage Report. K. Eidson has also submitted the final report to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint-Grand Blanc Fund regarding the purchase of the new shuttle bus at the Senior Center.

The Director and Assistant Director are working with the interim Recreation Programmer Ann Bouchard to acquaint her with all the job responsibilities. K. Eidson noted that they are looking to post the job in Nov/Dec time frame with a start date of Jan. 2010.

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

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel assisted with Junior League Football weigh in and parent meeting. Several coaches helped with weighing and fitting kids for equipment. Maintenance staff John, Drew, and Eric helped with equipment and helped get things organized.

J. Weasel also stated that he has been working on the rules and formations for our Flag Football League. It is offered to kids in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. Two more teams were added this year to move the total up to ten teams. This is the fifth year this program has been offered.

The Assistant Director, Kellie, and John have been sorting/ ordering equipment for the start of youth football season. Tackle registration was not quite as strong this year; however, flag numbers are up.

This is the second season we have offered a 1<sup>st</sup> Step Football program for boys and girls in grades K-1<sup>st</sup>. Programming for this age group continues to be very successful.

Adult Kickball playoffs ended on August 26<sup>th</sup>. It was our biggest league ever with 16 teams involved. Jamie thinks we can expand this program to 24 teams next year. Keller Williams team was the champion again for the fourth year in a row.

J. Weasel spent a good deal of time working on the upcoming Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest. Jamie also wanted to commend Andy and the maintenance crew for all the hard work they do.

Fall registration has started and swim lessons will begin on September 26. This program was delayed two weeks due to work on the pool.

J. Weasel and K. Eidson have been visiting the construction site at Creasey Bicentennial Park with the addition of new paths and soccer fields. Construction is moving along nicely. There have been a few issues with information provided to Dean Holmes from Spicer and Rowe. Dean Holmes has continued to work through the issues and hopes to stay on track to get the project completed in the projected time frame.

## **Recreation Programmer Report - None**

### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor stated that he assisted with the organization and distribution of all football equipment. All three fields were laid out and lined for Jr. Football, Flag Football and 1<sup>st</sup> Step.

A. Taylor noted that the construction projects at Creasey Park are well underway. Pathways around playground, pavilion and Splash Pad are nearly complete. Township DPW is involved with field construction, laying a drain system the length of the fields to promote proper drainage.

A. Taylor also stated that he is preparing for festival, arranging work schedules and acquiring needed materials.

### **Administration & Policy**

Did not meet. No report.

### **Budget & Finance**

Eidson noted budget included in agenda was going to need modifications due to communication from Township regarding a 7% reduction in the appropriation rather than the \$5,000 communicated previously. After discussion, Commission decided to not take action to adopt budget proposal as provided, because of the necessary modifications.

Discussed Spud Software proposal and Commission felt it was necessary and needed to move forward. T. Brundle made a motion to move forward with the proposal to contract Spud Software as GBPR web designer at a cost of \$1780 which would include support & maintenance along with training for the staff. J. Kilmer supported the motion. All in favor. Yeas-6 Nays-0

### **Senior Committee**

Did not meet. No Report

V. Michelson noted that classes are in full swing and are continually growing.

### **Area & Facilities**

Did not meet. No Report

**New Business**

Discussed alternate date for the December Commission Meeting. Looking at Monday December 14.

Reminder of the Family Fun Festival that will take place next weekend. Sept. 24 – 27.

**Old Business**

No Report

**Financial Reports**

T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for August 2009. Support provided by J. Kilmer. All in favor. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
TB/CN