

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of September, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5.30 pm by S. 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
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Frankie Millstead	Commissioner
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Clark Kent	Commissioner
	Sylvseter Jones	Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Debra Gilbert	Senior Center Coordinator
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager
	Kelly McNamara	Programmer

Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve minutes from August 18, 2011. Motion made by J. Kilmer, support provided by T. Petit. Yeas-7 Nays-0 Motion accepted.

Directors Report

S. Soderstrom asked for information regarding water bill issue. K. Eidson provided explanation noting in 2011 we had been advised by Grand Blanc Township we would not be charged for water and were urged and directed to water freely at the Bicentennial Soccer Fields. This was discussed in depth at the August 19th, 2010 commission meeting. To date Parks and Recreation had not been advised of any changes implemented regarding the watering of the soccer fields. Per our maintenance supervisor it was noted we watered minimally in May, as it was somewhat of a wet spring, and in June we watered about once a day. We received a water bill in June which was approximately \$600. In July we increase to watering twice daily as needed. Although it has not been received, K. Eidson noted she was advised by Township Supervisor M. Hoffman there is an approximate water bill of \$6500, which Parks and Recreation we will be responsible to pay.

K. Eidson noted the reported consumption of water would seem to be off substantially if once a day watering billed out at \$600. Based on that amount, twice a day should have come in somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1200. K. Eidson was advised the Township would reduce the \$6500 bill by \$1800 but noted we would be responsible for the remainder. Eidson also noted the Township would allow us to pay the bill in multiple payments. K. Eidson advised some investigation was taking place because she was confident we did not use the amount of water reported. C. Kent was asked if he had any updates regarding this issue as he is the Parks and Recreation Commissioner assigned by the Township. He indicated prior to this discussion he was unaware of this issue, and also noted it had not been discussed at a Township Board meeting. C. Kent said he would do some investigating and report back to the Commission.

S. Soderstrom asked how the meeting went with new School Superintendent, Dr. Norm Abdella. K. Eidson indicated the meeting went very well. Eidson noted Dr. Abdella wanted to get caught up on the background of what has taken place the last several years. In addition, he wanted to see a copy of the agreement between Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation and the Grand Blanc Schools.

Dr. Abdella wants to make sure he was fully aware of the history of the agreement. K. Eidson felt it was a positive start and is looking forward to a good relationship going forward.

S. Soderstrom asked about how the first soccer tournament went. K. Eidson indicated the tournament went very well and noted the tournament organizers seemed very pleased with the fields and the facility as a whole.

S. Soderstrom asked how it was going with the ARROW and AYSO groups and wondered if everything had been worked out between the two organizations. K. Eidson noted both have been using the fields and everything seems to be going well.

Assistant Directors Report

S. Soderstrom asked if we had any numbers on splash pad revenue for this year. J. Weasel noted numbers haven't been tallied yet but he will report on it once the numbers are determined. T. Pettit asked if there were any major expenses that would impact the numbers. J. Weasel noted the system worked well and there were no major problems. Weasel noted next season we will most likely need to have some of the sensors and timers readjusted, but overall the system is working well.

S. Soderstrom asked about details the Halloween costume sale. J. Weasel noted we are taking in costumes as donations or on consignment. On the Sunday of the festival weekend we will hold a sale in the tent.

F. Millstead asked about the "In it to Win it" contest scheduled for Thursday night at the kick-off event for the festival. F. Millstead inquired as to whether it was an adult only activity. K. Eidson noted it was for adults only.

Recreation Programmer

J. Kilmer asked about the Special Needs function scheduled at Bicentennial Park for Sept 17th. K. McNamara noted it is an event hosted by the Genesee County Autism Group. Kelly also noted Lisa Sain, who supervised our summer Camp Care program, is one of the people heading up this event. Lisa is allowing us to put fliers in their goody bags promoting the Special Needs Programs we offer. J. Kilmer noted she had been updated on the count of children in the Grand Blanc Elementary Schools who are enrolled in special needs classes and noted the current count is at 275 children.

Maintenance Supervisor

No questions.

Senior Center Coordinator

S. Soderstrom thanked D. Gilbert for her hard work in the effort to attain grant monies for improvements at the senior center. The senior center was awarded the grant money but they are not sure when the work will begin.

Administration & Policy

T. Petit made a motion, based on the information laid out in the Administration & Policy Report, to provide \$2500 to Masud Labor Law Group to update the personnel manual. J. Kilmer provided support.

B. Hester asked for clarification on what is covered in the manual. K. Eidson noted it pertains to job descriptions, vacation, holidays, disputes, harassment etc. There were no further questions.

7 Yeas – 0 Nays Motion approved.

T. Petit made a motion, based on the information noted in the Administration and Policy Report, to increase the compensation for the office manager by \$2100 annually, based on the continued contract with East Side Senior Center. In the event the contract is not renewed, the compensation will return to the current amount. There were no questions. 7 yeas – 0 Nays. Motion approved.

T. Petit made a motion, based on the information disclosed in the Administration & Policy Report, to decline the Terrorist Insurance being offered by our current carrier. In further discussion, it was noted, if further information comes from discussion with the Township indicating it is something we should consider then we will revisit. C. Kent provided support. 7 Yeas – 0 Nays

Budget & Finance Committee

Did not meet

Senior Committee

Did not meet

Area & Facilities Committee

Did not meet

Correspondence

None.

Old Business

None

New Business

J. Weasel attended the ribbon cutting event for the new path at Bicentennial Park. Weasel indicated the event, hosted by the Township was very well done, unfortunately the weather was not very good and probably kept people from participating. S. Soderstrom encouraged everyone to get out and use the path as it is a beautiful addition to the park and a very enjoyable place to walk, bike or jog.

Financials

T. Petit made a motion to accept the August financials as presented. B. Hester provided support. 7 yeas – 0 Nays. Motion approved.

S. Soderstrom made a motion to adjourn as there was no further business to discuss. J. Kilmer provided support. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Hester, Secretary
BH/CN