

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of January 21, 2010

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

Commission Present:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer (Arrived Late)
	Chad Blakley	Commissioner
	Frankie Millstead	Commissioner

Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Vicki Michelson	Senior Center Coordinator
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Ann Bouchard	Programmer
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager

Absent:	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
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### **Election of Officers**

Motion by B. Hester, supported by C. Blakley, to nominate Susan Soderstrom as Chairman of the Commission for the year 2010. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by B. Hester, supported by C. Blakley, to nominate Jet Kilmer as Vice Chairman of the Commission for the year 2010. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by C. Blakley, supported by B. Hester, to nominate Brad Hester as Secretary of the Commission for the year 2010. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Chairman Susan Soderstrom, appointed Tom Pettit to the position of Treasurer for the year 2010.

The 2010 officers are as follows:

Chairman	Susan Soderstrom
Vice Chairman	Jet Kilmer
Secretary	Brad Hester
Treasurer	Tom Pettit

## Minutes

S. Soderstrom requested motion to approve the Dec. 21, 2009 minutes. Motion made by B. Hester and supported by C. Blakley. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

## Director's Report

Kae attended the City and Township of Grand Blanc department head staff meetings and also attended the Monthly Board of Directors meeting for the GB Chamber of Commerce. Additional meetings attended were the Genesee County Board of Commissioners meeting for a presentation by Senior Center Directors and the monthly general membership meeting of G.B. Chamber of Commerce to give community report.

K. Eidson and J. Weasel met with Powers Catholic High School Principal T. Furnas regarding potential leasing and development of park/athletic facilities.

K. Eidson met with Senior Center Admin. Asst. M. Moen and Cintas sales representative to discuss new cleaning products for Senior Center after the services and products used at GBPR Administrative Offices and Senior Center were reviewed with the sales rep.

K. Eidson and Asst. Director J. Weasel met with new Grand Blanc School Board Commission appointees F. Millstead and C. Blakley to provide background information and structure of Commission, as well as an updated Commissioner's manual.

K. Eidson met with Varsity Softball Coaches B. Hester and M. Titsworth along with representatives of Advanced Physical Therapy Center in regards to a potential new program called Sportsmetrics.

K. Eidson met with a Flagstar Bank representative to open a new checking account for Accounts Payables to avoid a \$50/month fee for the oversight of the two signature accounts.

K. Eidson completed the full time staff member's evaluation and met with each individually to present and review their annual evaluations.

K. Eidson has been preparing for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Hard Times Party by working with clerical staff to update the raffle prize mailing list as well as communicating with Chairperson Andria Auker-Tykocki about updates for the event.

K. Eidson completed and submitted the monthly report on the Senior Millage to the Genesee County Planning Commission.

K. Eidson has been following up on transferring the grandblancparks.com domain to Spud, the new website host. She also continues to follow up and communicate with the Spicer Group regarding the soccer fields and change orders submitted by the contractor.

## **Assistant Director's Report**

J. Weasel reported that winter programs are underway and going well. He is pleased with the registration of the swim classes, 3/4 and 5/6 Junior League Basketball, 3/4 You Go Girl, and First Step. He plans to promote Bambino, 7/8 JLB, and 5/6/7/8 YGG more next year in hopes to increase registration.

J. Weasel reports that the adult basketball league is running smoothly for both Monday and Wednesday nights. To prepare for the upcoming adult softball season that starts in May, Jamie has been preparing registration information to send to last year's teams. The format for the program will be the same as last year, with Joe Munoz returning as the softball supervisor.

J. Weasel is updating contact information in preparation to send recruitment letters to the season staff that he hopes will return. Several of those staff members have already expressed interest in coming back.

J. Weasel has been contacting bands and negotiating prices after receiving word that we will be receiving funding and support for the 2010 City Summer Concert Series.

J. Weasel has been filling out the volumes of usage permits that go through community education for school facilities summer usage. He plans to meet in February to finalize what buildings will be available for summer programs.

J. Weasel reports that the sledding hill had been doing well until the recent thaw. However, the sledding hill has been open most weekends and about half of the holiday season. The ice rink was open for about 4 days before the warm spell and ice has formed again so he his hopeful the warmer weather will not destroy the progress again.

J. Weasel noted that Little League and Youth Girls Softball registration has begun which lead to an increase in call volume and office visits over the past two weeks. He also reported that reservations for pavilion rentals have been brisk during the past two weeks as well with the new charges for residents, non-residents, and groups in effect.

J. Weasel provided update regarding the 2010 fees for Pavilion rental. 2010 rates will include a resident and a non resident rate. Also, new for 2010 is a charge for non-profit organizations to help offset the cost associated with pre and post cleaning of the facility for their use.

### The 2010 rates are as follows:

Mon–Thurs Resident Rate: \$200      Mon-Thurs. Non Resident Rate: \$250

Fri, Sat & Sun Resident Rate: \$300      Fri, Sat & Sun Non Resident Rate: \$350

Non-Profit Organization Rate: \$40 per day

## **Recreation Programmer Report**

A. Bouchard reported that the office has been very busy with winter programs starting up. Junior League Basketball will start league play on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both the 3/4 and 5/6 sessions are filled, but the 7/8 grade boy's numbers are a little low. She noted that there were several sixth graders that registered late and were entered into the 7/8 grade program to fill the roster. There was also a good turn out for volunteer coaches.

A. Bouchard reported that the You Go Girl was split into two leagues, a 3/4<sup>th</sup> and 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade with practices on Wednesday and games played on Thursdays. The girls were provided two open gyms as well as a clinic on January 14<sup>th</sup> run by volunteers that help with Jr. League Basketball. All girls were present with the addition of a few walk in registrations. Volunteer coaching positions have been filled by parents.

A. Bouchard went to East and West middle schools to promote the Junior League and IM basketball programs. The IM basketball program will start at the end of January and run one to two nights a week for six weeks for boys who do not play on the middle school team.

A. Bouchard noted that Kids Konnection is also starting at the end of January. Registration has been very good for this program and we added two more sites for the winter/spring session. Another after school program, bowling in cooperation with Grand Blanc Lanes, has begun.

A. Bouchard also noted that Special Needs basketball will be starting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The Winter Wonderland Dance held for families and children with special needs will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center and she encouraged everyone to stop out.

A. Bouchard reported that Little League registration has begun which as kept the office very busy. She noted that the GBLL has a new board and she would be the representative for GBPR starting this month.

## **Maintenance Supervisor**

Andy Taylor noted that this has been a good month for the sledding hill as cold temperatures and natural snow fall, combined with the additional snow made allowed the hill to be open for continuous use for 3-4 weeks. He also added that repairs were made to one gun using parts from the other that is not in use.

Andy reported that we have taken over ice making responsibilities from the City DPW, but it will take time to learn the processes and skills needed to maintain rink. He noted that it did open in time for the January thaw to begin.

Andy also indicated that a big repair was made on the four wheel drive system of the Kabota tractor. He credited John Sopha for saving us money by doing the repairs, but mentioned that it did take longer to do as it was a learning process.

He would also like to add that his staff met with Ann and Jamie to try to find ways to improve our working relationship with the New Little League Baseball Commission.

**Administration & Policy**

No report / Did not meet

**Budget & Finance**

No report / Did not meet

**Senior Committee**

No report / Did not meet

V. Michelson noted that senior center is very busy with activities and being utilized by the community. Several groups are renting space for weekly business meetings and new activities, such as dances, are being added to senior center activities.

**Area & Facilities**

No Report / Did not meet

**New Business**

2010 Commision Meeting Schedule has been posted.

B. Hester mad a motion to apply for the special liquor license for the Hard Times Party. Support provided by T. Pettit. Yeas 5 Nays-0

Currently we have been processing our payables through Citizens Bank. Due to a newly added monthly service fee for monitoring dual signature on checks it was decided to change to a new banking facility. We are in the process of opening an account with Flagstar.

**Old Business**

None to report

**Financial Reports**

T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for December 2009 Support provided by B. Hester. Yeas-5 Nays-0

B. Hester made a motion to adjourn as there was no further business to discuss. T. Pettit provided support. Yeas-5 Nays-0 Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Hester, Secretary  
BH/CN

