

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of April 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Susan 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
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner

Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Center Director

Absent:	Brad Hester	Commissioner
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Minutes

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting as presented. Yeas-6 Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director's Report

Director Kae Eidson continues to attend regular staff meetings at the City and at the Township when scheduled, as well as Chamber of Commerce meetings and Kiwanis meetings.

The Director and Assistant Director met with R. Eggers of the Spicer Group to review soccer field plans.

The Director attended the Chamber of Commerce Chairman's award, which saw our nominee, Andria Auker-Tykocki, win Citizen of the Year.

Director Eidson attended the Administration and Policy Committee meeting / Loudermill Hearing for P. Rainey. The Director also met with Labor Attorney, E. Peters, and P. Rainey.

The Director has spent significant time working on personnel issues and working on accounting and financial aspects of the department.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director J. Weasel reported that he is reviewing applications and interviewing staff for the 2009 summer season.

Jamie has been working on and completed the summer program guide. Mailing began April 20 and the finished booklet turned out great.

Assistant Director noted that he and the Director met with R. Eggers from the Spicer Group about the soccer field's project.

Jamie mentioned several new programs were added to the summer booklet including science; special needs camp and cooking classes.

Assistant director noted girl's and adult softball registration were strong this spring.

Jamie informed the commission that he and the Director placed the order for the new Senior Shuttle Bus. Delivery is scheduled for late May 09.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent has been attending bi-weekly meetings of the Grand Blanc Little League Board planning for the upcoming season.

Registration is full for all divisions except senior. Uniforms and photo bids were awarded to local businesses this year. The Pancake Breakfast and uniform distribution will be on May 9 at the large pavilion.

Girl's T-Ball and Coach Pitch Softball leagues are full and practice starts this week. T-ball registration is down slightly but Coach Pitch added two more teams. All team sponsor positions were filled this year, along with gift certificates from Wendy's and Dick's Sporting Goods. Games will be played on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Elementary after school spring programs begin this week. We are offering four Kids Konnection and one Kids Create class.

Basketball and swim programs for children with special needs recently concluded. Feedback for both programs has been good. Floor hockey and swim programs will be offered for spring. Kellie met with Ann Bouchard who recently moved to the area and has a degree in therapeutic recreation. Ann has some ideas for new programs to offer for summer. Her expertise and enthusiasm will be an asset.

The Spring Fling for area middle school age students was a success with 250 students in attendance. Food, music and inflatable's helped keep the kids busy. The Grand Blanc NHS members and Holy Family Youth Group did a great job as volunteers.

Kellie mentioned her excitement about several new classes for summer including: Hip Hop Dance Camp, Lego Robotics Camp, Cake Decorating and Camp CARE.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and the maintenance staff have been getting the baseball fields ready for spring /summer use.

John Sopha and Chris Hester have been working at the Senior Center in preparation for the annual rummage sale.

Andy met with the Assistant Director regarding applications and staff for summer parks maintenance.

Andy met with representatives from Genesee and Oakland Counties regarding 500 acres off Baldwin Rd for possible park development.

Maintenance staff has been measuring topsoil depth with test holes for the new soccer field locations.

The maintenance staff has been busy getting summer equipment and tools ready for the season.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

Included in the commission packets is information regarding quarterly reports for: Chase bank, a senior center summary, senior center classes, senior meals, senior trips and a rental report summary.

Area & Facilities

No report

New Business

T. Pettit notes a discrepancy in the equipment fund account. Director Eidson states the money was used from the equipment fund to temporarily cover payroll taxes. The money has been repaid, but March reports do not reflect this transaction yet.

T. Pettit asks question if audit information will be present at the May meeting. Director Eidson states that Yeo and Yeo will present the audit at the May meeting.

G. Gratsch asks about the status of canoe race participation. Director Eidson states registration is slow but increasing.

Old Business

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to accept the March 2009 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer, to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
TB/JW