

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of April 19, 2007

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jet Kilmer at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
Commission Absent:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

Minutes

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by R. Swaim, that the Minutes of the March 15, 2007, meeting be approved as presented. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director's Report

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

The Director has been attending the Senior Advisory Committee meetings of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners as well as special meetings of the County Board of Commissioners regarding the Genesee County Senior Citizens Millage. Director Eidson attended an informational meeting presented by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, which is administering the County Senior Millage grant proposal process for 2007.

The Track 1 grant application for the Senior Services Millage has been completed and delivered to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission. The contract has been signed for the disbursement of funds from the millage.

Director Eidson met with the Township building and grounds committee and representatives of the Spicer Group to discuss proposed improvements to the entrance of Creasey Bicentennial Park.

The Director met with the Township fire inspector K. Richards for a fire inspection of the Senior Center.

Director Eidson represented the Commission at the retirement reception for City Police Chief Mark Heidel.

The Director has submitted a grant proposal to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for the splashpad surfacing and filtration system.

Representatives from Yeo and Yeo were in the office the first week of April working on the 2006 audit.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that Skate Park officially opened for the season. The maintenance staff made some repairs before opening. Skate Park will not be staffed again this year, but a system has been implemented for opening and closing of all parks.

Jamie has been conducting interviews for summer program staff. There is turnover every year, but a solid number of employees will be returning this year.

A great deal of time has been spent putting together the summer program guide. Plans call for the booklet to be mailed before the end of April. Mail in registration begins as soon as residents receive the booklet and will continue through May 21. Online registration will begin May 7 and walk-in and phone-in will begin May 31.

Registration for girls' and adult softball is ongoing.

Jamie and Kellie have been inventorying and replacing youth baseball equipment in preparation for the upcoming season.

The Assistant Director has been working with C. Hiltz on Monday evenings teaching Lifeguard Training. There are ten people enrolled in this course. Hopefully some will join our aquatic staff as lifeguards and swim instructors.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sargent reported that she has been working regularly with the Grand Blanc Little League Commission, attending weekly meetings, discussing the start of the inaugural season of Little League Baseball in our community. The Minor Division games are scheduled to begin May 5th. The Major, Junior, and Senior Divisions will hold skill evaluations later in May. The GBLL is planning a media blitz to draw more players aged 13 to 16 years old.

Kellie and Jamie spent several afternoons inventorying the baseball equipment to be used by GBL.

The Spring Fling was a great success. Just over 400 Middle School aged students attended this year.

Registration for girls' softball has been going well. Present plans call for 4 teams each in the coach pitch and t-ball divisions.

Spring after school programs will begin in early May. Tang Soo Do karate will again be offered for grades 3-5 at three schools. After School bowling will again be offered at Grand Blanc Lanes.

Kellie recently met with J. Russell, Superintendent of Special Services for GISD to discuss a pilot summer day camp program for children with autism. He stressed the overwhelming need for autistic specific programming, since as of December 2006 school count there were 584 students in Genesee County diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Kellie has been brainstorming potential ideas and considering location, staffing, funding etc. Potentially, it may be a program that could grow annually as the resources become available, however it will need more planning and consideration to begin next summer.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that repairs to the field dragger (Toro Sand Pro) for the baseball and softball fields were completed and the equipment returned by Spartan.

Quotes have been received for a new Toro 2 Master mower from Doug Spillers. He also gave an estimated value of our used machine of \$3300.00.

Andy met with A. Coates of Coates Plumbing for an additional estimate for repairs to the Senior Center plumbing.

Work has begun on Field # 6 to correct the drainage problems.

Andy is in the process of organizing and recruiting summer help. We will need 2 or 3 people just for field maintenance and is working with Kellie and Jamie on the schedule.

Bill Palacio has been hired to work at the Senior Center. He began working April 9.

Senior Quarterly Reports

Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson presented reports for classes, meals, trips, and rentals for the first quarter 2007.

The volunteer income tax preparers helped over 300 families this year.

The annual rummage and bake sale is planned for May 5th.

Administration &

Policy No report.

Budget &

Finance No report.

Senior

Committee No report.

**Area &
Facilities**

Director Eidson informed the commission that the value of the Toro mower is \$3300.00. It would be helpful to have a mower and lawn maintenance equipment at the Senior Center. There is a maintenance person on staff there. He will be able to take care of the mowing. The Director asks that \$3300.00 be transferred from the Senior Citizens Millage Fund to the Equipment Fund. A new mower is needed at the park.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by G. Knag, to transfer \$3300.00 from the Senior Citizens Millage Fund to the Equipment Fund for the Toro Mower. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Brundle, authorizing the Area and Facilities Committee to move forward on purchasing a new mower to be used at the park. The mower will be purchased with money from the Equipment Fund with a purchase price up to \$10,500.00. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by G. Knag, to transfer up to \$750.00 from the Senior Citizens Millage Fund to purchase a trimmer and lawn maintenance equipment for use at the Senior Center. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

New Business

There was a discussion regarding the delivery of agendas. The agendas are usually delivered on the Monday prior to the Commission meeting. G. Knag made a request to have the agendas delivered on the Friday preceding the meetings. The Director stated the staff is often preparing for special events that take place on Fridays and Saturdays, making the preparation and delivery of the agendas difficult. After some discussion it was decided that agendas will continue to be delivered on the Monday preceding the Commission meeting.

G. Knag inquired as to the possibility of MRPA membership for the Commissioners. The advantage would be the educational opportunity for Commissioners to become more informed regarding the parks and recreation field. The Director informed the Commission the cost for an agency membership is \$375.00 annually and \$50 for nonprofessional

individuals. Presently there is not money budgeted for membership to cover the expense of Commission membership. It was decided to continue this discussion at a later meeting when all seven Commissioners are present.

**Financial
Reports**

Motion by R. Swaim, supported by T. Brundle, to accept the March financial reports as presented. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Brundle, to adjourn the meeting, as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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