

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 15, 2007

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:03 pm by Sue Soderstrom at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

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| Commission Present: | Sue Soderstrom | Chairman |
| | Jet Kilmer | Vice Chairman |
| | Ted Brundle | Secretary |
| | Tom Pettit | Treasurer |
| | Gary Gratsch | Commissioner |
| | Roger Swaim | Commissioner |

Commission Absent: Ginny Knag Commissioner

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| Staff Present: | Kae Eidson | Executive Director |
| | Jamie Weasel | Assistant Director |
| | Vickie Michelson | Senior Coordinator |
| | Paula Rainey | Office Manager |

Commission Appointments

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit nominating the following slate of offices for the Commission for 2007:

1. Sue Soderstrom as Chairman
2. Jet Kilmer as Vice Chairman
3. Ted Brundle as Secretary

Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Chairman Sue Soderstrom appointed Tom Pettit as Treasurer.

Minutes Motion by T. Pettit, supported by R. Swaim, that the Minutes of the January 18, 2007, meeting be approved as presented. Yeas-6, 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 continues to monitor developments regarding the countywide Senior Citizens Millage. She communicates regularly with the area Senior Directors and County Commissioner Miles Gadola and attends Genesee County Commission meetings regarding funding for 15 area senior centers, including Grand Blanc. The formula will likely be based on membership at each center.

The Director and Assistant Director have been working with the Spicer Group finalizing revisions of the Master Plan Update. Director Eidson has provided the three governmental units with the final draft of the Master Plan Update for their review.

Director Eidson met with M. Cieciva, owner of the building housing the Parks and Recreation offices, to discuss the status of the lease. The original lease has expired and the agreement is currently a month to month lease.

Director Eidson and staff continue to meet with B. Bender and other representatives of Grand Blanc Little League to discuss and finalize details for the 2007 baseball season.

The Director and Asst. Director met with J. Kilmer and L. Blessing of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce to discuss a new Chamber Festival scheduled for September 2007.

The Director attended the annual Michigan Parks and Recreation Association conference in Grand Rapids February 6-9. Some of the topics presented included recruiting sponsorships, staff development, creating nature programs, and redefining parks and recreation in the community.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel has been attending many of the current basketball programs and reports that all are running smoothly thanks to the outstanding leadership of the on site supervisors.

The sledding hill has been open for over a month and staffed on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, except when the weather conditions were dangerously cold. The ice skating rink at Physicians' Park opened February 3rd. Area residents are taking advantage of the opportunities for winter fun.

Jamie helped with the special needs "Winter Wonderland" dance in January.

The "Daddy Daughter Date Night" was held February 13th. Over two hundred attended the event which was held at the Father Bush Parish Center at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Letters regarding Men's and Co-ed softball have been sent to teams who played in 2006. Open registration begins this month.

The Assistant Director has been working on the 2007 Summer Concert series. He has been seeking sponsorship from area businesses to help offset the cost of the series. In past years money from the City Parks and Recreation Millage have funded these events.

Jaime also attended the annual MRPA conference in Grand Rapids.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported that the youth basketball programs have been going very well thanks to the dedicated and committed staff supervising those programs. The "You Go Girl" season concludes February 15th with a pizza party. "First Step" basketball for parents and children 3, 4 and 5 years old begins this week.

After school programs are going well. There has been positive feedback regarding the karate program taught by Grand Blanc Tang Soo Do. Kellie has a very enthusiastic parent running the basketball program at Myers Elementary. Both he and the children seem to be enjoying the program.

Middle School intramural boys' basketball has begun at East and West. Curtis Williams is supervising the program. An average of 40 to 50 boys play two to three times a week. A new intramural pom program begins this week at East and West. Hopefully this will become a regular intramural opportunity.

With baseball season just around the corner Kellie has been working with the newly formed Grand Blanc Little League group, attending meetings and working on potential strategies for the program. Registration is scheduled to begin February 24.

The "Winter Wonderland" Dance was a success with 75 people attending. There were many new faces this year. Special Needs basketball and roller skating have gone very well. Pilo Polo Hockey will begin in late February. The knowledgeable and enthusiastic instructors are the key to the success of these programs. Kellie has also spoken with Sarah Demlow, who is currently employed by GBPR as a swim instructor and lifeguard, regarding offering a special needs aquatic program. Word has spread of our special needs activities and many new participants are joining the programs.

"Daddy Daughter Date Night", is February 13th. The theme this year is Chinese New Year.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and staff have been busy with winter maintenance, snow and ice removal and tending to the sledding hill and ice rink.

Basketball equipment was moved to Indian Hill Elementary for "First Step" Basketball.

Frozen water pipes at the Senior Center were thawed and repaired. This is an ongoing problem when the temperature is very low. Andy has talked with T. Kopec of Kopec Plumbing and Heating. The solution to this problem is to reroute the pipes. This will be an expensive, but necessary, project.

Administration & Policy No report.

Budget & Finance No report.

Senior Committee No report.

Area & Facilities No report.

New Business

The City, Township and Board of Education has approved the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to adopt the 2007-2011 Recreation Master Plan. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director Eidson and J. Kilmer announced plans for a community festival to be sponsored by the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. The event is planned for September 13-16. One of the components of the festival will be an entertainment tent to be open Friday and Saturday evenings. It was suggested that GBPR might run this feature.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, that the Commission investigate the feasibility of Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation operating an entertainment tent serving refreshments. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the January Financial reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, to adjourn the meeting, as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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