

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of August 21, 2008

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
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
Commission Absent:	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
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 J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2008 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 Township as well as Chamber of Commerce meetings and Kiwanis meetings and Genesee County Senior Advisory Committee meetings, and regular meetings of the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest Committee.

The Director and Assistant Director J. Weasel met with representatives of John P. O'Sullivan Distributing to discuss contracting for the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest.

Director Eidson has coordinated and overseen the repaving of the Senior Center parking lot, meeting with representatives of Gould Engineering and Delta Paving. The project has been completed.

The Director and Assist. Director met with representatives of Oxford Township Parks and Recreation who came to view our Splash Pad and overall set up.

Director Eidson met with Senior Coordinator V. Michelson and contractors regarding updating the original storage room at the Senior Center.

The Director has been working on gathering additional information for the Department of Natural Resources requirements to complete the process of acquiring the grant for developing soccer fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Director Eidson has been preparing proposals to present to potential sponsors for the beer/entertainment tent at the festival and making contacts to present the sponsorship packages. The Director and staff have been working on many other details and plans for the festival.

The Director met with representatives of Rowe Engineering, Township Planner K. Edwards, and new Township Superintendent D. Dunnill to discuss the MDOT pathway grant.

The Director has been preparing the 2009 budget.

A memo was sent via e-mail to the Commissioners regarding the purchase of a new maintenance truck. As truck prices are currently very low, the Director has been looking into the purchase/lease of a new maintenance truck. Director Eidson proposed two possible options for the Commission to consider for purchasing a new truck. The current maintenance truck is a 2000 Chevrolet $\frac{3}{4}$ ton heavy duty truck. If a new truck is purchased, the present truck will be kept. Very often employees are using their personal vehicles for work related tasks.

The first option is to approach the City to request a loan of \$17,000.00 from the Millage Fund to be paid back over four years. The balance of the cost of the truck would come from the Equipment Fund.

The second option is to lease the truck through the Oakland County bid for four years and then purchase it for \$1.00 at the end of the lease.

Motion by R. Swaim, supported by T. Pettit, to authorize the Director to talk with City Manager R. Byrne regarding borrowing funds from the City Parks Millage account to purchase a new truck as detailed in the memo. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to authorize the Director to purchase a new maintenance truck from either Al Serra or Oakland County, depending on the best option. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that the outdoor movie night was held July 18th. The movie shown was "ET". About 150 people attended.

The final Summer Concert was held July 29th. The group was "Fifty Amp Fuse". They put on a great concert and the crowd was pleased with the performance. All four concerts were held outdoors this season.

Most summer programs ended August. Overall the staff did an excellent job this summer.

The 11th Annual "Nursery School Olympics" was held August 5th, with 30 children, age 3-5, participating in six different events.

Adult Kickball will begin playoffs next week. There are 14 teams competing this year.

Jamie has been working with Luke Domanski on his Eagle Scout project. Luke is building two grills in the picnic area near the splash pad.

Jamie has been working with the Director in preparation for the entertainment/beer tent for the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest Sept 18-20.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent has been getting ready for the upcoming youth football and cheerleading programs, contacting coaches, checking equipment and preparing for fundraising programs. The "Blocks of Support" booklet and sweatshirt sales which were both popular last year, are again planned for this year.

The special needs summer program "Sports-A-Palooza" will have their final game this week. Each child will receive a medal for their participation. The staff did a great job.

"Mother-Son Date Night" is scheduled for October 1st. The theme this year will be "Super Heroes".

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the maintenance staff has been making the transition to fall activities at the park.

Baseball and softball programs have concluded. The staff is prepping the fields for Junior League and Flag football programs.

There has been work on widening the trails. The staff has been working on a new model for picnic tables with the intent of building more this fall.

A new product has been purchased to remove rust from the splash pad.

Commissioner G. Knag requested staff contact the Genesee County Drain Commission regarding the product being used to clean the splash pad.

Chairman S. Soderstrom requested a report be presented at the September Commission meeting.

Two London Plane trees have been planted in the front pond area. This area is being used more frequently by the public.

The maintenance staff is preparing for Junior League Football equipment distribution and the Festival.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

No report.

Area & Facilities

No report.

New Business

The Director announced that the owners of P.D.'s Pub are sponsoring a golf outing September 7. Proceeds will go to Special Needs programming and events.

The September meeting of the Commission has been rescheduled for Wednesday September 17th, as the first night of the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest is September 18th.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the July 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by T. Brundle, 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 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
TB/pr