

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of March 19, 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
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	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 B. Hester, to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2009 meeting as presented. Yeas-6 Nays-0. T. Pettit stepped out of the room prior to the vote. 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 attended a training seminar for Quickbooks in Saginaw presented by Yeo & Yeo.

The Director has not yet received a response from the letter to Jane Brewer, President of the Grand Blanc Board of Education. The letter was in regard to the baseball tournament sponsored by the Grand Blanc Baseball Boosters scheduled for the same weekend as the Parks and Recreation annual baseball tournament.

Director Eidson attended a meeting at the Grand Blanc Township offices regarding the MDOT trail project running through Creasey Bicentennial Park.

The Director and Assistant Director J. Weasel met with N. Riopelle of Advanced Ranges to discuss possible programming opportunities.

Much time was spent this past month preparing for the 28th Annual Hard Times Party which was held March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Director met with A. Tykocki to review prizes

for the raffle and assisted with set up for the event. The event was sold out two weeks prior to the party. Eidson included a report for the event in the agenda.

Director Eidson has prepared and submitted the monthly reports to the County for the Senior County Millage funds.

The Director continues to follow up on the soccer grant and continues to work on the CDBG funding and other potential funding sources for purchasing a shuttle bus for the Senior Center. Eidson has attended several meetings regarding the 2008 audit and continues to follow up on a regular basis with Your I.T, regarding updates and repairs of the website. The Director also included a year end report for sledding hill operations for the 2008/09 season. Revenue was up slightly from last season.

### **Assistant Director's Report**

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that the department has recently received funding from the City of Grand Blanc and the Grand Blanc DDA to support the Summer Concert Series for 2009. Current plans call for four concerts. Jamie is currently securing bands to perform and sponsors for the events. Current plans are to discontinue offering the Outdoor Movie Night. The Kiwanis Club of Grand Blanc and Al Serra have sponsored this event in the past. Both have been asked to change their sponsorships to the Concert Series.

Jamie has contacted The Boy Scouts and Saginaw County Parks and Recreation regarding renting their canoes again for the 2009 "Press on Regardless" Canoe Race planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Registration for spring programs will begin March 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration has already begun for adult softball leagues, youth baseball, and girl's softball.

All basketball programs have concluded for the season, including First Step, Bambino, You Go Girl, and Junior League Basketball. The biggest success this season was the addition of a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade division to JLB.

The 2009 Summer/Fall Program booklet is under construction and includes a variety of summer activities for youth and adults. This will be the second year that summer and fall programs have been combined into one booklet. The program guide should be printed in mid April.

Jamie will soon begin reviewing applications from past employees and new applicants.

Jamie is teaching the Lifeguard Training class along with Jennifer Handy on Monday evenings. There are twelve people enrolled in the class. The course runs for ten weeks. Many of those who take this course are hired for our aquatics program.

New this year is a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade lacrosse team. Jamie is working with Grand Blanc varsity lacrosse coach T. Gaffner and M. Acre, who is coaching the 7<sup>th</sup> and

8<sup>th</sup> grade team. The team has 24 players and started practicing this week. The team will play home and away games with the season ending in mid May.

### **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. Permits have been submitted for both Grand Blanc Middle School East and West fields. Coach Pitch and Rookie Divisions filled with a long wait list for both. GBLL decided to add four teams to both of these divisions to accommodate most of the children on the wait lists. Current plans call for Rookies, Minors, and Majors to begin in mid May. The "Tools of the Trade" baseball clinic was held February 28<sup>th</sup>, led by Grand Blanc Varsity Baseball Coach J.D. Wheeler. Registration was down from last year.

Registration for the Girl's T-Ball and Coach Pitch Softball leagues has been going well. Kellie has been successful in enlisting sponsors and coaches for the program. Kellie has been talking with Grand Blanc Varsity Softball Coach B. Hester regarding a post season camp/clinic. Hester has offered to provide a preseason clinic for the softball coaches.

Elementary after school programs for the Winter session have concluded. Kellie has obtained building use permits for the spring after school programs. Spring programs will again offer Kids Konnection and Kids Create activities.

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 is planned for Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Kellie has been contacting area restaurants for donations and arranging for staff and volunteers.

### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and the maintenance staff have helped with recent special events including the Hard Times Party and the Spring Fling.

Andy has been researching the cost of building some new picnic tables for use at Creasey Bicentennial Park. Plans currently are to build six to ten new tables.

### **Administration & Policy**

No report.

### **Budget & Finance**

No report.

**Senior Committee**

No report.

**Area & Facilities**

No report.

**Old Business**

Director Eidson presented the Commission with a summary of the three bids received for the 2009 Ford 12+2 passenger shuttle bus equipped with a wheelchair lift. The low bid of \$42,985.00 was from Holland Bus Company. Eidson also informed the Commission that Community Development Block Grant funding of \$13,160.00 will be available for the purchase of the shuttle bus.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to award the bid of \$42,985.00 to Holland Bus Company for a 2009 Ford 12+2 passenger shuttle bus for use at the Senior Center. Yeas-7, Nays-0. Motion approved.

**Financial Reports**

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by B. Clevenger, to accept the February 2009 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-7, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by B. Clevenger, to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-7, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
TB/pr