

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of Jun 18, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:02 pm by Jet Kilmer 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
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Tom Pettit	Commissioner
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner

Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Vicki Mickelson	Senior Center Coordinator
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager

Guests: Roberto Acosta / Burton View & Grand Blanc View

Guest

Roberto Acosta from the Burton View and the Grand Blanc View stopped in to introduce himself to the Commission. No other comments were made by commissioners or guest.

Minutes

J. Kilmer requested motion to approve the May 21, 2009 minutes. Motion made by B. Clevenger and supported by B. Hester. Additionally, J. Kilmer raised concern regarding missing comments of commissioners from last meeting. Specifically noted was a discussion regarding how many bids are required when work is placed out for bid. Ted Brundle had asked for clarification on the current bid policy requirements. Yeas-7 Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director's Report

Director Kae Eidson continues to attend regular staff meetings at the City and Township when scheduled, as well as Chamber of Commerce meetings and Kiwanis meetings. Also note that the Director represented the Commission at the G.B. Chamber of Commerce golf outing.

The Director expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their support and expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of her mother.

The Director attended two separate meetings regarding the soccer field project. Additionally, the Director is continuing to correspond with AYSO contact and is keeping the Spicer Group informed of any updates, so that when the approved plans are returned we will be ready for the bidding process.

The Director has spent a great deal of time coordinating the delivery of the new Senior Center shuttle bus. This included working with the City Manager to resolve some questions regarding the CDBG funds to be used on the purchase. Time was also spent arranging the remainder of the financing through Financial Plus. Jamie Weasel helped coordinate the delivery of the vehicle to coincide with the insurance and license plates. The new Senior Center shuttle bus was delivered on June 2nd. A visitation was arranged for the City Manger, R. Byrne and other City staff members.

The Director completed an application to Michigan Works Employment Services to see if we qualify for an On-The-Job Training Contract for C. Neumann. If we qualify we will receive reimbursement from the Federal Government for a percentage of her wages.

The Director is working with Community Foundation of Greater Flint for potential funding available through their Youth Community Services Program. Director Eidson prepared and submitted a grant application. As of this time we have not received a response.

The Director has been making contact with potential sponsors for the 2009 Festival. Also note that a contract from the tent rental company was received and currently is being reviewed.

The Director attended the City Council Meeting to request a variance approval for the beer tent to be held in Physicians' Park for the up coming Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest.

The Director attended the 2009 Summer Staff Orientation Meeting.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director J. Weasel provided an update regarding the Playground Program. The staff is in place and the hiring process has been completed. Numbers for playground are down this year and it was noted that we had to close one of the site locations. Commissioner Pettit raised the question asking if there was anything specific that we attribute the lower than normal numbers to. It was noted that the economy and the fact that many people used the playground as a type of daycare. Because so many people are laid off from their jobs the day care need is significantly down. Jamie pointed out that initially the numbers were much lower than last year but an influx of last minute sign-ups required us to add a second group to one of the site locations.

The Assistant Director noted that the official opening of the Splash Pad took place on June 1. The cool weather has us off to a rough start; however, there have been numerous schools utilizing the facility.

The Assistant Director noted that we are approaching the 9th season for the Summer Concert Series. Concerts will take place on Tuesdays at 7pm beginning July 7th thru July 28th.

The Assistant Director has participated in several meetings regarding the upcoming work related to the soccer field project and park related issues. It was noted that a schedule has been put in place for the Reid Rd gate and chloride treatments have been arranged to keep the dust down.

The Assistant Director noted that delivery was taken on the Senior Center shuttle bus. Also noted is the vast improvement over the past van. The wheel chair lift capability will be a great feature for those with mobility issues.

Jamie Weasel reported that the kickball registration has been very good this year. Currently there are 16 teams signed up, which is four more than last year. The season is scheduled to begin July 8th.

Recreation Programmer Report

Program Director Kellie Sergent provided updates on the summer programs that are scheduled to kick off June 15. The staff training took place at Bicentennial Park June 12 and was well attended. Along with staff training the Camp Care training and Parent Meet & Greet also took place. Camp Care is the newest program being offered which will provide a day camp experience to 16 autistic children. This and our other Special Needs Programs are being supported by some generous donations and the support of our local businesses. PD's Pub hosted a Red Wings Party and raised money to support this program. We are also planning for the 2nd annual Special Needs Golf Outing Sunday September 20th. The fee for this years outing is \$60. Last year this event raised \$2500 for the Special Needs Programs.

On Saturday, May 30th, Kellie Sergent was recognized, along with Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation by the Genesee Autism Support Group for our efforts in raising awareness about autism and providing programs. The Commission congratulated Kellie on her contribution to the success of this program.

Kellie Sergent noted that Girls Youth Softball ended as of June 15. The season was very successful with only one rain out. The Sponsor Appreciation Day went great and the coaches have gone above and beyond this season.

Kellie Sergent reported that the GBLL Baseball is in full swing. There are 80+ teams, using the fields 5 days a week, including Saturdays. The new road has helped cut down on traffic issues. GBLL will be having a fundraiser the week of June 22-25 at Coldstone Creamery.

Kellie reported that registrations for the 22nd Annual GB Baseball Tournament have been steady. We are currently full in 3 divisions. Tournament dates are July 10-12.

Brad Hester asked for an update on the enrollment status for the softball camp scheduled to begin June 23. Kellie advised that the enrollment level is low but some of the softball coaches from the previous softball program are contacting their players to encourage them to attend. A decision will have to be made first of next week. It may be necessary to cancel the camp program if the numbers are not high enough.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor provided updates regarding the baseball and softball programs which are in full swing along with the opening of the splash pad. Also noted was the new access road that will allow for an additional outlet of traffic.

Andy was in attendance with Kae, Jamie, Township DPW, and Spicer to update the progress on the north park area. Plans for the soccer fields construction and drainage issues were also discussed. Andy noted that stop signs and special speed limit signs have been installed along park roads from Grand Blanc Rd. to Reid Rd. Dust has been an issue but was recently treated to alleviate the problem.

Andy noted that the repair work on the small pavilion by Old School Concrete has been in progress and should be completed soon. Committee asked if the work was done in a timely manner. Andy noted that things were a little behind schedule but delays were being attributed to poor weather conditions.

Andy noted that maintenance will be helping with the Detroit Lions Camp. They have lined the high school practice field for their use and will assist with daily set-up and take down. Maintenance Staff will also be assisting with delivery of all playground supplies to each school site. Additionally, the staff will be setting up our tent for the opening week end of the City Farmers Market.

Administration & Policy

Did not meet. No report.

Budget & Finance

Did not meet. No report.

Senior Committee

Did not meet. No Report:

Area & Facilities

Commision asked what is being done to help with the resident complaints regarding the new access road. Kae Eidson advised that she has contacted the police and asked if it is possible for them to increase their presence. Speed limit and stop signs have been installed and the road is being treated with chloride to help with the dust.

New Business

Kae Eidson noted that the letter of approval was received from the DNR on June 18th for the soccer field project. Commission discussed the time line for fields being completed and ready for use. Fall 2010 was the forecasted time line.

Old Business

No Report

Financial Reports

T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for April 2009. Support provided by B. Hester. Motion was approved. T. Petit made a motion to accept the financial reports for May 2009. B. Hester provided support. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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