

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of May 21, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:07 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
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
Staff Present:	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager
Absent:	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Center Coordinator
Guests:	Tom Toohey	Grand Blanc Arts Council
	Mike Frawley	Yeo & Yeo

### **Guests:**

Tom Toohey from the Grand Blanc Arts Council addressed the commission primarily to advise that the 2009 Art Fair will be held at Physicians Park vs. the former High School location.

Mike Frawley from Yeo & Yeo was in attendance to review the 2008 Audit. He reviewed each page of the Audit Report and answered questions. Motion was made by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Brundle to accept the audit as presented by Yeo & Yeo.

### **Minutes**

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Brundle, to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting as presented. Yeas-4 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.

The Director hosted and attended the Michigan Recreation and Park Association semi-annual Awards Committee Meeting.

The Director continues to spend time working on accounting and financial aspects of the department including several meetings with Mike Frawley from Yeo & Yeo. Additionally, time was spent interviewing for the office manager position and preparing for that transition. An offer has been made and the position has been filled.

The Director attended G.B Rotary Club pancake breakfast benefiting GBPR & GB Little League.

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

Assistant Director J. Weasel provided update regarding soccer field project. He advised that we are currently awaiting DNR approval and then plans are ready to go out for bid. Process is slow but there is no risk of losing funding.

Jamie addressed issues regarding the new Reid Road access to the park. Residents on Reid Rd have voiced concerns about the use of this access road, however, we are working to help reduce their concerns. A stop sign has been installed and the township had been contacted to put down chloride to reduce dust.

The first season of Lacrosse is coming to an end. Twenty five players took part in the first season through GBPR with a record of (5-1-2). The season will conclude with a tournament in Lansing.

Adult softball has completed two weeks of the season which began earlier than in past years in response to the player's request.

Interviewing has been taking place with potential new staff members for the Summer 2009 season. Most of the hiring has been completed except for Tennis and Theatre. Along with the interviewing activities the staff has been reviewing and updating the employee manual, playground manual and latch key information which is an annual activity.

Jamie and Jennifer Handy completed the Monday night lifeguard training course. There were 11 students that participated and typically 2-3 will become part of the GBPR swim staff after completion of the program.

Jamie has been reviewing permits and talking with community education, buildings and grounds, and transportation about the upcoming summer season.

### **Recreation Programmer Report**

Recreation director Kellie Sergent provided updates on Girls Youth Softball. Kellie indicated that the program is going well and has expanded by two teams.

Little League Baseball began games on May 16 and all divisions were filled and registration is up for the year. There are 80 plus teams playing at Bicentennial Park & West Middle School. Kellie spent several weeks scheduling practices. Scheduling allowed for each team to get in 4-5 practices before the games began.

Elementary after school programs are running at all four sites. We are again partnering with Kids Connection and featured additional craft classes taught by Debbie Case.

The summer programs are getting ready to kick off and the staff is working hard to get the final preparations in order.

### **Maintenance Supervisor**

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor provided updates regarding the baseball and softball programs which began on May 16. The abundance of rain has caused several game delays and has created a challenge to maintain the fields. Also noted was the new access road that will allow for an additional outlet of traffic Monday thru Thursday and Saturday.

Andy and the maintenance team have been working on repairs and updates at the park including repair of the ceiling in the men's bathroom and evaluation of the small pavilion. The pavilion was deemed unsafe and they are currently taking proposals to determine if repair is possible and if it is the best option.

The maintenance crew has been working on preparing the splash pad for opening on May 30 weather permitting.

### **Administration & Policy**

No Report.

### **Budget & Finance**

No Report

### **Senior Committee**

No Report:

**Area & Facilities**

Gary Gratsch reported in Tom's absence. Currently looking at fixing small pavilion due to an issue with heaving concrete. Current repair quotes have been received from Old School Concrete coming in at \$4156 and Chris Honea coming in at \$5607.

A second bid was submitted by Chris Honea for a total rebuild, coming in at \$ 7257. A motion was made by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept quote from Old School Concrete for repair.

Gary also noted that improvements need to be made to Adult Softball dugouts. Required repairs will be \$230 per dugout and there are 8 dugouts. G. Gratsch made motion, supported by J. Kilmer, for repairs to be made.

**New Business**

No Report

**Old Business**

No Report

**Financial Reports**

Tabled

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer, to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
TB/CN