

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of April 17, 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 administrative office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
Commission Absent:	Ted Brundle	Secretary
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Coordinator
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

The Commission did not meet in March due to lack of a quorum.

Minutes

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by G. Knag to accept the minutes of the February 21, 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.

The Director attended the inaugural meeting of the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Directors' committee in Lansing.

Director Eidson has met with S. Nagy of Gould Engineering, R. Buell of the Township DPS, and City Manager R. Byrne to discuss repaving the main parking lot at the Senior Center.

The Director attended the Township Committee of the Whole to discuss the Senior Center parking lot proposal and request CDBG funds for the project.

The Director attended the Strategic Planning Session of the Grand Blanc City Council.

Director Eidson along with Assistant Director J. Weasel, Maintenance Supervisor A. Taylor, and J. Wheatley of Rowe Engineering met at Creasey Bicentennial Park to re-walk and mark the proposed MDOT trail through the park from Grand Blanc Road to Reid Road.

The Director and Assistant Director have been finalizing the 2008 Summer/Fall program booklet and meeting with Grand Blanc School officials to discuss facility needs for the Summer Programs.

The Director has spent a great deal of time talking to and following up with contractors and the maintenance staff regarding repairs at the Senior Center and the pathway through the youth baseball fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Director Eidson, along with the rest of the staff, has been preparing for two special events, the "Spring Fling" and the "Press on Regardless" Canoe Race.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that Skate Park has officially opened for the season. The maintenance staff made a few repairs before the park opened.

Jamie has been conducting interviews for the 2008 summer staff.

A great deal of time has been spent on the Summer/Fall program booklet. Plans call for the booklet to be mailed by April 21.

Registration for girls softball and adult softball leagues has been great. Both programs have waiting lists.

Jamie has been working with the Director in speaking to contractors and reviewing bids for projects at the Senior Center and Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent continues to work with Grand Blanc Little League to plan for the upcoming baseball season. Registration has been going well. Numbers are up significantly from the past two years. Kellie is working with GBLL to schedule additional teams on the fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park as well as GBPR programs and school teams that use the ball fields.

As Player Agent for GBLL, Kellie has been working on rosters and game and practice schedules.

The "Spring Fling" was a success despite the tornado warning that was in effect for the first hour of the evening. Nearly 300 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students attended the event.

Girls Softball is full. The league has expanded to six teams each in T-ball and Coach Pitch. There were four teams in 2007.

Spring After School Programs are scheduled to begin the first week of May at the elementary schools.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the staff had dragged the baseball and softball fields and installed bases.

John Sopha of the maintenance staff assisted GB Little League volunteers on April 6th as they prepped the fields. Diamond dust will be delivered as soon as the seasonal load limits are lifted.

Andy walked and marked the proposed MDOT trail with J. Wheatley of Rowe Engineering, K. Eidson, and J. Weasel.

Andy met with contractors for repairs needed on the front exterior of the Senior Center.

New lights are being installed on the large pavilion.

The maintenance staff assisted with the "Spring Fling".

Senior Quarterly Reports

Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson presented reports for classes, meals, trips, and rentals for the first quarter of 2008. The volunteer income tax preparers provided services for 321 people this year.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

The Committee met April 10, 2008 with G. Gratsch, R. Swaim, J. Kilmer, and Director Eidson present.

The Committee discussed some repairs needed at the Senior Center. Three areas on the front of the building are in need of attention as some fascia had blown off one area, another area had siding which needed to be replaced, that was both dented and didn't match and finally a section of the soffit is rotted and in need of replacement.

The maintenance staff talked with three contractors to go over the damage and request bids. Lockhart Roofing was the low bidder. The Committee will recommend Lockhart Roofing be awarded the bid for \$1,464.60. Funds for the project will come from the Senior millage.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by R. Swaim, to hire Lockhart Roofing for repairs to the front of the Senior Center for a cost of \$1,464.60. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The Director also reported the Township Board of Trustees voted to designate up to \$25,000.00 in CDBG funds to match the City's \$27,500.00 to resurface the original parking lot at the Senior Center.

Area & Facilities

The committee met April 16 with T. Pettit, G. Knag, J. Kilmer, Director K. Eidson, and Assistant Director J. Weasel participating.

The first item for discussion was the repaving of the path that winds through the youth baseball fields and connects the two parking lots. The path was first constructed by the City of Grand Blanc more than 15 years ago and is now in great need of replacement.

When the path was built, it was excavated and laid without any sub-base. Eidson, Maintenance Supervisor A. Taylor, and D. Hobson from the Township DPW met with a representative from Ace Asphalt to discuss the project and the need to tear out the entire path, subgrade the area and replace the limestone before relaying the asphalt in two lifts. The maintenance staff along with assistance from the Township DPW will remove the existing path.

Three bids were received, with Ace Asphalt submitting the 2nd lowest bid at \$27,345.00. D. Hobson highly recommends Ace and they were also the staff recommendation. Eidson reported that a grant for \$5,000.00 has been awarded from Sam's Club for the project. The balance will come from the Cell Tower Fund up through the October 2008 payment. The Director has discussed the project with Township Supervisor J. Zittel who has endorsed the project and urged the Commission to move forward.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to award Ace Asphalt the bid for the path project at a cost not to exceed \$27,345.00. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The second item discussed by the Committee was Skate Park. The original agreement to open and operate Skate Park was with the Grand Blanc Kiwanis Club. Originally Skate Park was to be a temporary facility. Recently the School Board asked that the agreement be reviewed. Superintendent of Grand Blanc Schools Dr. Newton has communicated to the school board regarding renewing the agreement. Informally it appears the general consensus would be to terminate the agreement. The committee was in agreement, whatever the direction, it should be a joint decision/determination/ stand by the Commission and Grand Blanc Schools.

The Director also gave an update on the front entrance. The Township has contracted with someone to do further work on the pond. Landscaping will follow the completion of the work on pond.

New Business

Director Eidson announced that she will be speaking about GBPR programs and facilities and presenting the new video at the May 2nd meeting of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. The Commission is invited to attend.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, to accept the February 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

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

Motion by, G. Gratsch, 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 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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