

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of August 16, 2007

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jet Kilmer at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation administrative office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner

Commission Absent:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner

Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Coordinator
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

### **Minutes**

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, that the Minutes of the July 19, 2007, meeting be approved 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 as well as Chamber of Commerce meetings and Kiwanis meetings.

The Director assisted with set up and facilitated the summer concerts and the Outdoor Movie Night.

Director Eidson, along with Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson, met with the Senior Committee to discuss potential projects for the countywide senior Millage funds.

Director Eidson and Assistant Director Jamie Weasel have been meeting with representatives of VidCam who are putting together a promotional video for GBPR.

The Director and City Clerk B. Smith went to The State Bank and Citizen's Bank to open Certificates of Deposit with funds from the City Parks and Recreation Millage Fund.

Director Eidson has met with Township public works employees to discuss the pond at the park entrance. The Township park committee will reconvene to discuss

projects. Eidson has received a bid from Haddon Nursery for landscaping the pond area.

Eidson has talked with J. Wheatley of Rowe Engineering regarding the Sherwood Drain. The County Drain Commission is clearing deadfall from the drain beginning near Ottawa Hills Subdivision and working east as funding permits.

Much time has also been spent preparing for the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest scheduled for September 13-16, 2007.

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

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported on "Outdoor Movie Night". Over 125 people attended the event.

The final 2007 summer concert with Air Margaritaville was held July 31 with 1,200-1,400 in attendance.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Nursery School Olympics" were held July 31. Twenty seven 3-5 year olds participated in various activities.

Adult Kickball is back. The season started August 1 with eight teams participating and is scheduled to run 6 weeks.

Jamie has been involved with several projects at the Senior Center. These projects include the audio/visual system, plumbing repairs in the kitchen to avoid freezing waterlines, installation of the ice maker, and last but not least the replacement of all five toilets.

Jamie has also been preparing for the Entertainment tent which Parks and Recreation will be operating during the upcoming Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest.

### **Recreation Programmer Report**

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent has been preparing for the fall youth football programs. The Junior League Football Program is for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. The Junior League Cheerleading program has been expanded to include girls in grades 3 through 6. The Flag Football league is for children in grades 2 and 3. Kellie has been working on a new fundraiser for the football program. The new project is called "Blocks of Support". Kellie is planning to put together a program booklet with team pictures and ads from family, friends and area businesses. These ads or "blocks" are priced at \$20, \$50 and \$100.00. The program booklets will also be sold at the games.

The Special Needs T-ball and Bowling seasons will be ending soon. Participants and parents have adjusted well to new supervisors for these programs. Coach Marcy plans to return in the Fall to supervise programs.

Kellie is also planning for the annual "Mother & Son Date Night". The event this fall will have a jungle/nature theme with creepy crawling things most little boys seem to enjoy.

**Maintenance Supervisor**

No report.

**Administration & Policy**

The Committee met August 10<sup>th</sup> with T. Brundle, T. Pettit and Director Eidson present.

The first item discussed was a proposal from the City of Grand Blanc regarding a No Smoking Policy at Rust Park and Physicians' Park based on a complaint from a citizen at the July City Council meeting. The City has requested a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Discussion was held focusing on three main areas; 1) It seems inappropriate for the Commission to propose a no smoking policy at the City parks, which the Commission does not maintain or operate, and not propose a no smoking policy at Creasey Bicentennial Park, which it does operate and maintain. 2) Enforcement of such a policy would be extremely difficult and 3) Is such a policy legal? Eidson talked with several other communities and none have a no smoking policy for their public parks.

The committee's unanimous recommendation to the full commission is to recommend the City Council install cigarette disposal receptacles throughout the parks as a first step. There was consensus from the committee, as well as other department directors, that the receptacles are effective when available. The committee would also like to install the receptacles at Creasey Bicentennial Park..

Motion by T. Brundle, supported by T. Pettit, to recommend that the City install cigarette disposal receptacles in Rust Park and Physicians' Park. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved

The second item on the committee's agenda was in regards to vision insurance now being offered through Blue Cross. Currently the Commission reimburses the Director up to \$300.00 annually for vision expenses and \$200.00 annually for all other full time employees. The Director requested enrolling in the vision program for the full time employees and maintaining an additional \$100.00 annual reimbursement for the director because of expense for both glasses and contact lens, (only one is covered under the plan). The cost of enrolling in the program, which includes coverage for spouses and families, will be approximately \$160.00 less that the current reimbursement program. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the program to the full Commission.

Motion by T. Brundle, supported by T. Pettit to adopt the vision care plan as presented for salaried employees. Yeas-3, Nays-1. Motion approved.

**Budget & Finance**

No report.

**Senior Committee**

The Director presented the July Senior Expense report.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to transfer \$11,997.00 from the Senior Millage Account to the General Fund for the July Senior expenses. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

**Area & Facilities**

No report.

**New Business**

The Director proposed moving commission meeting scheduled for September 20 to Thursday, September 27. With the festival it will be very difficult to have the agendas ready in time.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to reschedule the September Commission Meeting to September 27. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director Eidson would like to submit a grant application to the Community foundation for new computers to be used in the computer room at the Senior Center. The current machines are outdated.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to recommend submitting a grant application to the Community Foundation for new computers for the Senior Center computer room. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

**Financial Reports**

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to accept the June 2007 Financial reports as presented. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved.

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Motion by T. Brundel, supported by G. Knag, to adjourn the meeting, as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-4, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
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