

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 21, 2008

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
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
Commission Absent:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman
	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 G. Knag, supported by T. Brundle to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Yeas-5, 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.

On January 16 Director Eidson attended the Township Committee of the Whole meeting along with R. Eggers of the Spicer Group to request support from the Board of Trustees for a grant application to construct soccer fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

The Director attended the Regional Trails and Greenways Summit hosted by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

The Director met with a representative from Cintas to discuss services for the Senior Center.

The Director, Assistant Director, J. Weasel, and Recreation Programmer, K. Sergent met with a representative of Coldstone Creamery to discuss fundraising possibilities.

Director Eidson attended and presented project information at a Public Hearing at the Township regarding the grant application for soccer field development at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

The Director has also been planning for upcoming special events. The annual "Daddy Daughter Date Night" was February 12. The 27th annual "Hard Times Party" is planned for March 1st.

The Director has been working closely with the Spicer Group gathering documents and information for the soccer field grant application.

Director Eidson provided information on sessions attended at the annual MRPA conference.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel has been visiting the various basketball programs, including 1st Step, You Go Girl, Bambino and Junior League Basketball. All programs are going well thanks to the great leadership of the on-site supervisors.

The sledding hill has been open most weekends, with the exception of those days when the temperature was in the single digits. The hill is staffed on Friday afternoons, Saturdays, Sundays, and days when Grand Blanc schools are not in session due to holidays or snow days.

The "Daddy Daughter Date Night" was held February 12th. The "Princess" theme was very popular this year.

Jamie has been researching and test driving various utility vehicles along with the maintenance staff. The preferred choice is the Kubota RTV900.

Information for Men's and Co-Ed Softball leagues has been sent to past and interested team managers.

The Assistant Director provided information on the sessions attended at the MRPA Conference.

Jamie provided information regarding background checks for employees and volunteer coaches asked about at the January meeting. To date, there have been no negative results.

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.

Youth basketball programs are in full swing. The new format has been well received by parents and coaches. The addition of cheerleaders this season has gone very well. The girls are working on a choreographed dance routine and having a great time.

After school programs are going well. The "Young Pastry Chef" program is continuing at Mason Elementary. The instructor, D. Case, plans to offer classes for the spring session at some of the schools.

The "Daddy Daughter Date Night", February 12th was a great success despite the winter storm. The girls enjoyed decorating their wands and tiaras and watching their dads in the hula hoop contest. Andy Taylor had 10 girls from the GBHS track team volunteer at the dance. They did a great job.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the staff has been busy with snow and ice removal.

The staff test drove several utility vehicles and prepared the Cub Cadet for trade in.

J. Sopha and A. Doty have also been helping with some computer and network upgrades at the office and Senior Center. They are a valuable asset in this area.

A new snow blower was purchased for use at the Senior Center as the old machine there was inadequate and beyond repair.

Andy and staff met with the maintenance manger at Mt. Holly Ski Resort to discuss snow making equipment.

The staff helped with the "Daddy Daughter Date Night".

A stereo and speakers have been installed at the sledding hill.

Andy will be attending the Great Lakes Parks Training Institute in Angola Indian February 19-22.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

The Committee met February 13, 2008 with G. Gratsch, R. Swaim, J. Kilmer, Director Eidson, and Senior Coordinator V. Michelson present.

The first item discussed was the replacement of the chairs in the large meeting/banquet room. As with the tables used in this room, there is a need to develop a replacement cycle to keep the chairs in good condition. The Director informed the committee that Corporate Express was the low bidder for 52 chairs and was also the supplier for the last order of chairs. They have the information necessary to match the current chairs.

The second item discussed was the carpet in the game room and the coat room. The carpet in the two rooms is original to the building which was built in 1988 and is in need of replacement. Quotes were presented from Skaff and Karen's Carpets, with a third quote due by 2/14/08.

The last item discussed was the Senior Newsletter. Several of the area Senior Centers have contracted with a company called The Island Sun Times to produce and mail a booklet each month. It is a very nice presentation, but significantly more expensive than our current newsletter. Staff will continue to gather more information and bring it back to the committee for further discussion and possible action.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Pettit, authorizing the purchase of 52 chairs for the price of \$3,100.00 from Corporate Express. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Brundle, to replace the carpet in the game and coat rooms at a cost not exceeding \$1,900.00. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Area & Facilities

The committee met via e-mail with T. Pettit, G. Knag, J. Kilmer, and Director K. Eidson participating.

The Director supplied the committee with quotes and results of utility vehicles the staff test drove.

The maintenance staff and Jamie have been researching and test driving utility vehicles to replace the Cub Cadet purchased in 2002 that is used at the park. The preferred choice of the maintenance staff and Jamie is the Kubota RTV900 at a cost of \$10,396.17.

Alderman's has agreed to a trade in value of \$2,040.00 for the Cub Cadet, reducing the price to \$8,360.00. Kubota has a 12 month 0% financing program that would allow for payments of approximately \$700.00 per month and still continue to add to the balance in the Equipment Fund, (approximately \$15,000.00 to date).

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, to purchase the KubotaRTV900 for a purchase price of \$8,360.00 after trade-in. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The golf cart used by the maintenance staff at the park is beyond repair and no longer usable. Jamie has found a reconditioned golf cart available for \$2,550.00. The cart comes with a one year warranty.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, to purchase a reconditioned golf cart for \$2,550.00 to be used at Creasey Bicentennial Park by the maintenance staff. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

New Business

The Director updated the Commission on the proposed path from Grand Blanc Road to Hill Road. GMSPO is agreeable to having the pathway go through their property. Details on the route are being discussed. The most desirable route would pass through private property on Reid Road which is currently for sale. The pathway may run through Grand Blanc School property.

The Director also updated the Commission on the road planned to go through the back portion of Creasey Bicentennial Park to Reid Road. Township officials are still looking at this project with consideration for drainage of proposed soccer fields and parking areas.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, to accept the January 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by, G. Gratsch, supported by T. Brundle, to adjourn the meeting, as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas 5-, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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