

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of July 17, 2008

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:05 pm by Susan Soderstrom at Creasey Bicentennial Park, 2015 E.. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman (arrived Late)
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner

Commission Absent:	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
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Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

Guests

Mike Frawley of Yeo & Yeo, was in attendance to review the results of the 2007 audit with the Commission.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer to accept the audit as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Minutes

Motion by T. Brundle, supported by T. Pettit, to accept the minutes of the May 15, 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.

The Director met with J. Schmitt of Superior Travel to discuss partnership possibilities.

Director Eidson, along with Assistant Director J. Weasel, Maintenance Supervisor A. Taylor, and Township DPS Director R. Buell met with representatives of Coon Well Drilling to discuss the location of a new well at the entrance of Creasey Bicentennial Park near the pond.

The Director and Assistant Director met with representatives of Rowe Engineering to discuss further details of the temporary road at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Director Eidson and J. Weasel attended a meeting at Oakland County Parks and Recreation to meet the new Executive Director of the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association.

The Director attended a Pre-Bid meeting regarding paving of the parking lot at the Senior Center.

The Director has spent a great deal of time assisting with preparations for the 21st Annual Grand Blanc Baseball Tournament including game scheduling, concessions and staffing.

Director Eidson has been assisting the Senior Center in preparing a grant application to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Grand Blanc Fund for new computers.

The Director has been communicating with representatives of Ace Asphalt as well as Township DPW staff to coordinate removal of the old asphalt path through the baseball field complex and paving the new path.

The Director and Assist. Director have been assisting W. Jean-Bruher at the City coordinating equipment for the Farmer's Market.

Director Eidson has completed and submitted the second quarterly report for the County Senior Millage funds.

Planning for the Family Fun Fest is ongoing. The Summer Concert series has begun.

The Director has been overseeing and monitoring Summer Programs.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that Summer Programs are progressing nicely. Some programs will end this week. Experienced staff members have helped mentor new staff and all have made contributions to the programs.

The splash pad had moderate attendance during the month of June. The weather is the key.

The youth track program sent participants to the Hershey Track and Field State Meet July 11 in Howell, Michigan. Several children from Grand Blanc participated, however none of those qualified for the national event in Hershey, PA.

The Summer Concert Series at Physicians' Park began July 8th and continues through July 29th. The Kiwanis Club of Grand Blanc has been assisting with concessions.

Adult softball will be wrapping up in a few weeks. Both men and co-ed have only had a few games rescheduled due to weather. Adult Kickball will begin July 16, with fourteen teams in the league this year.

Jamie assisted with the Grand Blanc Baseball Tournament July 11-13.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported that the Grand Blanc Little League season is coming to an end. The Minor and Major Divisions finished June 21st. The Junior Division completed their season June 28th. The T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions season will end July 19th. GBLL created three All Star teams this season which will move on to districts and play for the next few weeks.

Kellie will be attending the GBLL board meeting to discuss the second season and look at ideas for next year.

Special Needs Sports-Palooza has been running very well with 17 children registered. The group is doing four different sports in two week increments. This new format seems to be working well as it seems to hold the participants attention better.

The 21st Annual Baseball Tournament was held July 11-12-13 at Creasey Bicentennial Park and at the GBHS Varsity Field. There were 60 teams registered this year, up from last year and several divisions expanded to 10 teams. There were a lot of new teams in the program this year and the event ran relatively smoothly, with great staff support and umpires. The weather was warm with a little bit of rain on Saturday. Many teams commented on the great facilities at both the Park and the Varsity field. When the rain did hit on Saturday, everyone pitched in with a rake, a broom and whatever they could find and the delay only put us about 15 minutes behind! Kudos to everyone who helped make the event a success, it was definitely a team effort!

Kellie's Kraft Korner is in its fourth season. The group has made wind chimes and done some decoupage and scrapbooking.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the maintenance staff had two major projects/ events which have taken up a lot of time this month.

First was the tearing out of the old asphalt pathway through the little league complex. This was made much easier with the assistance of the Township DPS. They also loaded the old asphalt for disposal at Ace Asphalt. This was accomplished in one day! Ace also installed the new pathway the next day. This is a big improvement, both physically and aesthetically.

This past week-end was the Grand Blanc Baseball Tournament which featured 60 teams. Every thing went well, with the exception of a short rainstorm. With a lot of help from coaches, play was resumed in 30 minutes.

Andy met with the Director, Asst. Director, Roger Buell of the Township DPS, and Coon Well Drillers regarding installing a well to keep the front pond full. Andy also met with Metcalf Electric for the wiring changes.

Maintenance staff also assisted with the first outdoor concert, and with set construction for the Theater program.

Senior Quarterly Reports

Senior Quarterly reports were presented for classes, meals, trips, and rentals for the second quarter of 2008.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

The Senior Center is preparing a grant application to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for \$1,600.00 for new equipment for the computer lab. This is a 50-50 grant.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer. To accept responsibility up to \$1,600.00 in matching funds to purchase new equipment and software for the Senior Center Computer lab dependent on a grant being awarded by the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Grand Blanc Fund. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Bids were submitted for repaving the parking lot at the Senior Center.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to award the project to the low bidder, Delta Paving at a cost up to \$38,000.00. This includes restriping the portion of the parking lot that will not be re paved. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Area & Facilities

The committee did not meet.

R. Swaim spoke on behalf of G. Knag, who was unable to attend the meeting, relaying her concerns and opposition regarding plans for the front of the park, specifically the installation of a well for the pond near the entrance.

New Business

The Director informed the Commission that the City Council approved the Beer Tent during the 2008 Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest September 18th-20th and asked for a motion to apply for a temporary liquor license.

Motion by t. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer to allow the Director to apply for a temporary liquor license for the Beer Tent which will be operated by Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation during the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest September 18th, 19th, and 20th.

The September Commission meeting is scheduled for September 18^h. The Director asked that the meeting be rescheduled as the Mayor's Kick Off Party for the Family Fun Fest is scheduled for September 18th.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by G. Gratsch, to reschedule the September meeting of the Commission for Wednesday, September 17th. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

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

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the June 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-6, 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 6, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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