

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of July 19, 2007

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

Commission Present:	Sue Soderstrom	Chairman	
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman	
	Ted Brundle	Secretary	
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner	(arrived 6:10)
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner	
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner	(arrived 6:30)

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

Guests

Brian Hugo, a science teacher at Grand Blanc High School, made a presentation to the Commission regarding a new environmental ecology course the Science Department would like to develop. The class would involve getting the students out into the area parks to observe and assist with various conditions and choices that can have an impact on our environment. Long range plans are to develop a district wide program. Students attending Reid Elementary and Middle School West have the advantage of walking to Creasey Bicentennial Park. A path through the back portion of the property would be very beneficial for classes participating in the program. Mr. Hugo asked that the staff and Commission keep students in mind when planning projects in the parks with which the students could assist.

Minutes

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Brundle, that the Minutes of the June 21, 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 has met with representatives of Hadden Nursery to discuss a landscaping quote for the front entrance of Creasey Bicentennial Park at the pond area.

The Director attended two meetings regarding transportation issues for seniors in relation to the county wide millage. The first meeting was presented by the

Genesee County Planning Commission regarding submitting transportation proposals. The second meeting took place at the Loose Senior Center with MTA officials regarding transportation especially for the Grand Blanc Senior Center.

Director Eidson and Assistant Director J. Weasel met with N. Hamelin of Professional Pool Techs to discuss a filtration system for the splash pad. A system to filter iron out of the water will be very expensive.

The maintenance staff has been cleaning the components and nozzles with a product to remove iron and stains. This procedure seems adequate. The funds from the Community Foundation grant can be used to purchase and install playground equipment to be installed near the splash pad. The Director has ordered the equipment.

The Director also helped with planning and working at the baseball tournament July 6-8.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported summer programs are going well. Most programs will end the last week of July.

There has been good feedback from parents involved with the 1st Step Soccer and Baseball programs. These programs are for children ages 3 to 5 along with a parent.

The splash pad has had good attendance with the warm weather.

Adult softball continues for a few more weeks.

Youth Theatre will be performing "The Wizard of Oz" July 18 and 19 at McGrath Elementary. Jaime has been helping with props and details for the big show.

The summer concerts at Physicians Park began July 10 with "Wildfire" a local country group. The weather looked threatening and it began to rain before intermission. There were about three hundred people on hand for the concert.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported that the Little League baseball season is coming to an end. The Minor division played their final games June 23. The Major and Junior divisions will finish the season July 19. The weather has been very cooperative this summer with very few cancellations due to rain. With all of the changes this season, the league still had many familiar elements: appreciative parents, great baseball and sportsmanship. Grand Blanc Little League has discussed sending out evaluations to coaches and umpires at the end of the season. This should provide the Board with constructive feedback in planning for next season.

Summer Special Needs programs began this past week. Bowling and T-ball are being offered. The VIP Bowling program is taking place at Grand Blanc Lanes. Enrollment is lower than expected, but consistent.

The 20th Annual Baseball Tournament was held July 6-8 at Creasey Bicentennial Park and GBHS Varsity Field. Forty eight teams participated in the tournament this year. That was down from last year, but two divisions were expanded beyond eight teams. There were many new teams attending this year. The event ran relatively smoothly with great staff support and umpires. The weather was warm and many teams commented on the great facilities at both the Park and the Varsity field.

Kellie's Kraft Korner has seen a lot of creativity this summer. Kellie has been keeping her group busy making masks, wind puppets, memory boxes and more.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Junior League and Flag Football seasons.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the new mower has been delivered.

The staff has been preparing for baseball/softball tournaments scheduled for two weekends in July.

Work on the trails is ongoing.

The staff is helping with the summer concerts at Physicians Park.

A. Doty and J. Sopha of the maintenance staff have been helping set up the new computer network at the Senior Center to accommodate the My Senior Center program.

Senior Quarterly Reports

Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson presented Program, meal, trip and rental reports for the second quarter of 2007.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

The Committee met with R. Swaim, J. Kilmer, Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson and Director K. Eidson present.

The first item discussed was replacing the toilets at the Senior Center with ADA comfort height toilets. The committee discussed installing sensory toilets. Eidson

reported that this type of toilet would require running a larger water line from the kitchen to the restroom and sloan valves, thereby greatly increasing the cost of the project. The Director reported that the low bid for replacing the five toilets with ADA comfort height standard toilets was Kopec Plumbing and Heating at \$2,575.00.

Motion by R. Swaim, supported by J. Kilmer, to approve up to \$2,575.00 to replace the five toilets at the Senior Center. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The Director reported to the Committee on the proposed audio/visual system. The system will be used to enhance programming during the expanded luncheon program, possible movie nights, enhanced speaker presentations, etc. and also an additional amenity available to renters for an additional fee. Two bids were submitted for the project. After reviewing the RFP and quotes submitted the Committee recommended that Eclectic Communications at \$10,000.00 be awarded the bid for equipment and installation . The County has approved the bid process.

Motion by R. Swaim, supported by J. Kilmer, to approve up to \$10,000.00 for the purchase and installation of audio/visual equipment at the Senior Center. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The Committee also discussed the purchase and installation of an ice machine in the kitchen of the Senior Center. The machine will benefit the senior program especially with the expanded lunch program and will provide another amenity to renters if they choose to pay an additional fee. The Director reported that the cost of the machine would be approximately \$2,900.00. The cost to install the water and drain should not exceed \$600.00. The Director will seek bids for the electrical work.

Motion by R. Swaim, supported by J. Kilmer, to approve the purchase and installation of an ice machine for the senior center, for up to \$2,900.00 for the ice machine and up to \$1,100.00 for installation including electrical work and water and drain lines for a total cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Director Eidson informed the Commission that the Senior Center will be closed August 6, 7, and 8 while the plumbing repairs in the kitchen are scheduled. The toilet and a/v system installations will be scheduled for that time also.

The Director presented the Senior Center expense report for the month of June.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by G. Gratsch, to transfer \$16,072.00 from the Senior Millage Account to the General Fund for the June expenses. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Area & Facilities

No report.

New Business

The Director informed the Commission that the City Council has granted a variance for alcoholic beverages to be served in Physicians Park during the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest in September. Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation will be operating the entertainment/beer tent in the park for the festival. A temporary liquor license is required for the event.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by G. Gratsch, to approve applying for a temporary liquor license for the Grand Blanc Family Fun Festival to be held September 13-15, 2007. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

Motion by R. Swaim to table approval of the June financial reports as T. Pettit was not in attendance. Yeas-6, Nays-0.

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 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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