

# GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## Minutes of March 15, 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 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 at 6:15)
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner (left at 6:30)
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner

Commission Absent:	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
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Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Coordinator
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

**Minutes** Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by R. Swaim, that the Minutes of the February 15, 2007, meeting be approved 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.

The Director has been attending the Senior Advisory Committee meetings of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners as well as special meetings of the County Board of Commissioners regarding the Genesee County Senior Citizens Millage. Director Eidson attended an informational meeting presented by the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, which is administering the County Senior Millage grant proposal process for 2007.

The RFP for the County Senior Citizens' Millage money is a 14 page document. The Director has been working closely with Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson and the other area Senior Directors in asking questions and gathering information and documents and preparing the RFP.

Director Eidson joined B. Bender of Grand Blanc Little League Board in a conference call with reporters from the Grand Blanc News and Grand Blanc View to discuss the new partnership and format for the program.

Director Eidson, Assistant Director J. Weasel and Recreation Programmer K. Sergent met with Community Education Director J. Menassaka to discuss summer facility availability.

Director Eidson met with the Township building and grounds committee and representatives of the Spicer Group to discuss proposed improvements to the entrance of Creasey Bicentennial Park.

The Director and Assist. Director met with Mayor M. Matheny and V. Lukavasitz to discuss possible programs for National Bike Month (May).

Director Eidson worked on two special events. "Daddy Daughter Date Night" was February 13. The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hard Times Party" was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The new baseball program still requires oversight and input with K. Sergent and J. Weasel.

The Director and Assist. Director have been planning the Summer Concert Series as well as seeking sponsors.

The Director and Assistant Director have been putting together a brochure to solicit donations as "Friends of Parks and Recreation" or the GBPR Foundation.

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

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel has been planning for the upcoming summer programs. He has met with J. Menassaka, Director of Community Education regarding school usage. Jamie has been meeting with Grand Blanc Printing regarding the Summer Program Booklet. The booklet will be printed in April. Letters and applications have been sent to past employees inviting those individuals back for another summer.

The Spring flyer has been distributed to area schools. Registration for spring activities will begin March 20. Current offerings include swim instruction, girls' softball leagues as well as softball and baseball clinics.

Jamie has been updating the employment application and putting it in a format that can be downloaded from our website.

One hundred youth football helmets were recently ordered for the Junior League Football program. These helmets will replace those found to be defective during reconditioning this past winter. Jamie has applied for a \$2,000.00 grant from Wal-Mart to help with the expense of this new equipment.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Step Basketball program for 3 - 4 year old children and parents has been very popular this season with two full classes. Sam Spence is the instructor for the program.

New for spring will be Girls' T-ball and Coach Pitch Softball. Kellie and Jamie have been putting together the rules and format for these programs. A spring clinic is planned for April 21 with Grand Blanc Varsity Softball Coach Brad Hester and Ken Wells. A coach's clinic is also planned to help give our new softball coaches guidance and advice from the High School Varsity staff.

## **Recreation Programmer Report**

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported that registration for the new Little League Baseball program started February 24. Registration and inquiries for baseball programs have been steady. Kellie continues to attend the weekly GBLL Commission meetings. Little League mailed postcards to past baseball players and the Parks and Recreation office sent out an e-mail blast regarding registration dates and program details. As of March 10 there were wait lists for t-ball, coach pitch and the minor divisions.

Elementary after school programs are running smoothly. There has been good feedback regarding the karate program. Kellie plans to offer this program as an elementary after school program again. Kellie taught an eight week session of Project MOVE at Mason. The group enjoyed trying new activities and sports every week.

The Middle School pom and intramural basketball programs have had very good participation this season. The supervisors for these programs did a great job.

Two clinics are planned for April, girls' softball and boys' baseball. Eric Kerr, the Middle School baseball coach, will teach the baseball clinic. Varsity softball coach Brad Hester and his staff will be running the softball clinic. The clinic should help the girls get off to a great start for our new softball program scheduled to begin April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The teams will be parent coached with sponsors. The girls will have a full uniform, visor, shirt, shorts and socks this season.

The Spring Fling is scheduled for Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The mini lock-in will feature karaoke, a mechanical bull, DDR, inflatable games and a DJ for dancing. Over 500 sixth, seventh and eighth graders attended the 2006 Spring Fling.

## **Maintenance Supervisor**

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and John Sopha of the maintenance department attended the annual Great Lakes Park Training conference in Indiana. They attended sessions on the Indiana Trail Master Plan, Cool

Cities, Solving Global Warming One City at a Time, Hazardous Tree Identification and Evaluation, to name a few.

Andy has been in contact with Blessing Co. and Kopec Plumbing and Heating regarding obtaining quotes for rerouting the water pipes over the kitchen at the Senior Center. This project is necessary to eliminate the freezing problems we experienced this past winter.

Kraus Fire Equipment Inc. has been contacted to come into the Senior Center and inspect our fire extinguishers. They will repair, recharge, or recertify depending on what each needs. In addition Kraus will be inspecting the fire suppression system.

Spartan Distributors has picked up our older dragger and will be completely replacing the engine.

The Senior Center van was taken into Al Serra for a complete maintenance inspection, and oil change, the inspection revealed the rear breaks needed to be replaced as well as have the rear differential serviced. Repairs were completed the next day.

Upon monthly inspection of the generator at the Senior Center, Andy discovered the block heater had failed. Moe Sales and Service has been contacted to repair the problem and to get an estimate for doing a yearly inspection of the generator.

On Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> it was discovered that someone had cut the power cords off of two of the snow guns, the police were called and a report filed. Possible reason for the theft is copper wire is very valuable when sold as scrap.

Our maintenance staff was present again for the Hard Times party.

The maintenance staff continues to move the wood chips provided by Davey.

**Administration &**

**Policy** No report.

**Budget &**

**Finance** No report.

**Senior**

**Committee** The Senior Advisory Committee along with Senior Committee members G. Gratsch, J. Kilmer and R. Swaim, and staff members K. Eidson and V. Michelson met March 5.

The purpose of this meeting was to bring both committees up to date on the progress of the Genesee County Senior Citizens' Millage. Eidson and Michelson reported that they have been attending many meetings regarding the Millage including the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, the County Senior Advisory Committee, the Senior Directors Association and the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission for information, collaboration and strategy in securing a portion of these funds for the Grand Blanc Senior Center.

An RFP to secure a "Track 1" grant that is available to fifteen senior centers is due March 15, 2007. Eidson and Michelson are putting together the information needed on the application as well as working with other senior centers to complete the application. If the Track 1 grant is awarded, it should be approved at the end of the month.

The Senior Committee, Advisory Board and staff will continue to meet and follow the progress of the funding process.

## **Area & Facilities**

The Area & Facilities Committee met on March 9<sup>th</sup> with T. Pettit, G. Knag, J. Kilmer and Director K. Eidson present.

The first item on the agenda was an update on the building and grounds committee from the Township. This group has been meeting to discuss how the Township DPW can assist with Creasey Bicentennial Park. The Township has entered into an agreement with the Spicer Group to develop plans for improving and enhancing the entrance at the park.

Director Eidson presented information on a new surfacing product for splash pads presented at the MRPA conference. The goal of using this surfacing along with a filtration system would be to eliminate any remaining concerns regarding the surface being slippery and also reduce or eliminate the rust discoloring the surface. Director Eidson has approached the Community Foundation of Greater Flint-Grand Blanc Fund about the possibility of a grant and has been given reason to believe they would be interested in this project.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by G. Gratsch, to support this project. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The cost of the surfacing with the 2 foot x 1 foot interlocking tiles delivered and installed is \$18,000. The filtration system will be about \$4,000. The grant will be written on a 65 /35 split. The committee unanimously agreed to support the grant submission to the CFGF-Grand Blanc fund for the purpose of moving forward with this project.

Director Eidson gave a brief update regarding working with the schools to develop an Environmental Education Curriculum. She reported she has

been in contact with Deb Wilson, the district chair of science, regarding the program.

### **New Business**

The Genesee County Board of Commissioners has drafted two resolutions regarding the disbursement of funds generated by the Genesee County Senior Citizen Millage. The first resolution requires approval of Operating Entities for Senior Centers to submit Applications for the Senior Center 2007 Base Grant Program Funds. The second requires that local units of government that fund senior centers must pass a resolution regarding the level of funding for those centers not decrease for the current fiscal year.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer, to approve submitting an application for the Senior Center 2007 Base Grant Program Funds for the amount of \$151,673.00 for the current fiscal year. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Brundle, to pass the resolution as prepared by the Genesee County Board of Commissioners requiring that the level of funding for the Grand Blanc Senior Center for the current fiscal year be at least equal to the funding provided for the Center in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

### **Financial Reports**

Action regarding the February Financial reports was tabled until the April meeting as Treasurer T. Pettit was not in attendance.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer, to adjourn the meeting, as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary  
TB/pr