

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of May 15, 2008

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

Commission Present:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
Commission Absent:	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Coordinator
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

Guests

Steve Solomon, Chief of Police for the City of Grand Blanc, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the closing of Skate Park.

Minutes

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by G. Knag to accept the minutes of the April 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.

The Director, along with Assistant Director, J. Weasel, and Maintenance Supervisor A. Taylor met at Creasey Bicentennial Park with T. O'Hara of the Genesee County Water, Waste, and Sewer Department to discuss reported sinkholes in need of repair.

The Director and Assistant Director met at Skate Park with EBay representative M. Vanitvelt to discuss the sale of the ramps.

The Director and J.P. Adams of Grand Blanc Community Schools met with J. Zaher of the Grand Blanc News and N. Blythe of the Grand Blanc View to discuss the posting of the skateboard ramps on EBay and the closing of Skate Park. Director Eidson was also interviewed by several local reporters, both television and print, regarding the closing of the park.

The Director announced the ramps have been sold through EBay to the City of Flint. They are in the process of resurfacing a tennis court at Swartz Creek Golf Course. When that project is complete, the ramps will be moved.

Director Eidson was the guest speaker at the May general membership meeting of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce. The new GBPR promotional video along with the summer/fall program booklet and "Friends of Parks and Recreation" program were presented.

The Director and Asst. Director have been working with Miracle Recreation, the company who built the splash pad, to rectify problems with the computer panel that operates the pad.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel has been working with Director Eidson regarding the sale of the skateboard ramps and closing Skate Park.

The "Press on Regardless" canoe race was held May 3rd. The weather was great and the water was low.

Jamie has been updating the employee manual and interviewing for summer staff positions.

Adult softball begins the week of May 21. The Tuesday Men's league and Wednesday Co-ed leagues are full. There is a potential for Sunday afternoon/evening adult softball leagues as the interest this season seems to be greater than in the past few years.

Jamie has been assisting S. Demlow with the lifeguard training course. There are 11 enrolled in the course. Typically 1-3 from this group will join the summer swim/lifeguard staff.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported the Girl's Youth Softball program is going very well. The coaches are doing a great job. Parents and spectators are very supportive of the twelve teams.

The Grand Blanc Little League annual Pancake Breakfast was held at the large pavilion at Creasey Bicentennial Park May 10th. Uniforms were distributed to the T-ball and Coach Pitch teams. This season the league has expanded several of the divisions. Games are played Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday through the end of June.

Enrollment for Spring Afterschool programs is drastically down. Several programs were cancelled due to lack of participants. Kellie has some ideas to improve program enrollment for the 2008-09 school year.

Kellie attended the May 2nd GB Chamber breakfast meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported that the maintenance staff has spent a great deal of time mowing and prepping fields for baseball and softball games.

The water has been turned on in all the buildings at the park and the concession trailer is up and running.

The maintenance staff helped with the 31st annual "Press on Regardless" Canoe Race on May 3rd. The creek was slow, but the weather was cooperative.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

No report.

Area & Facilities

No report.

New Business

The June 19th Commission meeting will be held at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation office at 6:00 pm. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

The July 17th Commission meeting will be held at Creasey Bicentennial Park. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office.

A discussion was held regarding tree planting at the park.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the April 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-5, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by T. Pettit, 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 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
TB/pr

