

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of October 16, 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 Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner

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

Guests

Dick Dunnill, Superintendent of the Charter Township of Grand Blanc was in attendance to meet the Commissioners. Mr. Dunnill met with Director K. Eidson and Assistant Director J. Weasel recently for a tour of the Parks and Recreation facilities, including the Senior Center and Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Minutes

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by R. Swaim, to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Yeas-7 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, Kiwanis meetings, Genesee County Senior Advisory Committee meetings, as well as regular meetings of the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest Committee.

The Director spent a great deal of time preparing for and working at the Family Fun Fest.

The Director met with B. Smith, City of Grand Blanc clerk/treasurer to discuss the City Parks Millage Fund and current CD's.

Director Eidson attended the Township Board of Trustees Budget meeting to discuss the proposed 2009 budget.

The Director assisted with preparations for the "Mother/Son Date Night", held October 1st.

Director Eidson and Senior Coordinator V. Michelson met with K. Cadieux of The State Bank to discuss a possible partnership with their travel program.

The Director and Assistant Director met with Township Superintendent D. Dunnill to review programs and operations and tour facilities and parks administered by the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission.

Director Eidson continues to communicate with the Spicer Group and the Michigan DNR regarding the grant for building soccer fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park and with AYSO officials regarding their assistance with the project.

The Director continues to communicate with D. Hobson at the Township and Holmes Excavating regarding the progression of work on the road and parking area on the Reid Road side of the park.

Director Eidson spent a great deal of time attending meetings and preparing reports regarding Genesee County Senior Millage funds. The Director met with Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission Director J. Hinterman and Associate Planner K. Bennett to appeal the funding level and services at the Senior Center. After the request for appeal was presented to the County they did announce to the Senior Advisory Committee a new funding allocation. This placed the Grand Blanc Senior Center in the top level of funding. Though the funds are not for the amount originally budgeted, the appeal was successful. The Senior Budget will need to be amended somewhat in the area of Capital Projects. The next RFP for funding is due October 17, 2008.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel spent a great deal of time helping with the Family Fun Fest. Attendance was much better than last year. The new corn hole tournament was a success.

The annual "Mother/Son Date Night" was held October 1st. The event was attended by 115 people. The theme this year was "Super Heroes". Several boys and some of the moms dressed for the theme.

Jamie has been attending and refereeing Junior League and Flag Football games this fall. He is also coaching a Flag team.

1st Step Football has had a successful opening season. Sean Thomas Rowser and Joey Rojeck have done an admirable job running the program.

Jamie has been working on the Winter/Spring program information for 2008/09 in a new format. He has met with Grand Blanc Printing and will meet with the Grand Blanc View regarding having the flyer printed in the View for a wider distribution.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent has been very busy with youth football programs. Coaches and officials have been keeping the games running on time. The final JLF game has been traditionally played at the GBHS Varsity Field. The field is not available for the final game this year, however games will be played at the Varsity Field on October 18th. The final games will be played at the park October 25th.

Many parents have purchased adds in the "Blocks of Support" program booklet. Many of the new players and their parents have purchased JLF t-shirts and sweatshirts. Revenue from the two fundraisers is down slightly from last year.

After School programs will begin the first week of November. GBPR is partnering with Kids Konnection, a program designed by a physical education teacher from McGrath Elementary. The program will run in seven elementary schools for a five week session. The program will be staffed by the school Phys. Ed. teachers.

The paper mache "Silly Sculpture" program is running at Reid and Indian Hill schools with a good enrollment. Debbie Case is a great asset to our programs. She has some fun ideas for future after school programs.

Grand Blanc Little League will be holding a board meeting in October to discuss the 2009 season. Kellie will be one of the six members on the Board. She is looking forward to seeing the progress of this program.

Recently, Greg Kensbock, local owner of Cyclone Auto Wash, stopped by the office after reading the Letter to the Editor that K. Eidson had written about the Special Needs Golf Outing Benefit with PD's Pub. He has an adult child with a disability and was touched by the fact that we are providing these programs. He would like to do a fundraiser for us. Therefore, beginning on October 20th, for an entire year, every Monday, 10% of all sales will go to support Special Needs programs at GBPR. Cyclone Car Wash is on Dort Hwy. near Hill Rd.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and the maintenance staff assisted with the Family Fun Fest. Equipment from the Township DPW and from Grand Blanc School Maintenance assisted with setup.

The door of the concession trailer at the park was damaged in an attempted break in. Staff rebuilt the door.

A. Doty of the maintenance staff has been consulting with the Director and the Senior Center regarding replacing the equipment in the computer lab. The new computers have been delivered and set up.

The Little League pitching rubbers and portable bases have been stored for the winter. One of the pitching rubbers had been damaged this season and was repaired.

Work on the road through the north side of the park to Reid Road continues. There have been some rain delays on this project.

Andy met with the K. Eidson and J. Weasel to give Township Superintendent R. Dunnill a tour of the park.

Senior Quarterly Reports

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

Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson informed the Commission that the remodeling of the original storage room is complete.

The grant application to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for new computers for the computer lab was approved. The new computers will allow for offering more computer instruction including Microsoft Excel and Publishing.

The Grand Blanc View is including an insert of the schedule of activities at the Senior Center in their weekly paper once a month. This has brought many new members to the Senior Center in the past few weeks. While an annual membership fee is longer being charged members are invited to make a donation to help cover the cost of printing and mailing the monthly newsletter.

Vickie introduced the new personal identification cards that are being distributed at the Senior Center. In addition to emergency contact information the carrier can list illnesses and medications as well as contact information for their Durable Power of Attorney. The cost of printing these cards was covered by the Genesys Foundation.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

No report.

Area & Facilities

The Committee did not meet this month, however the Director did provide and update on the Capital Improvement Schedule in the Five Year Master Plan, noting those projects that have been completed or where progress has been made.

The subject came up regarding selling of advertising space at Creasey Bicentennial Park, specifically at the ball fields. J. Kilmer inquired as to the policy for accepting advertisements for tobacco or alcohol related products or businesses. To date,

there is not a written policy for accepting advertising. The Commission has relied on the discretion of the Director for accepting appropriate advertising considering the youth activities that take place in those areas.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Pettit, to refer the issue of developing a written policy regarding types of advertising at Creasey Bicentennial Park to the Administration and Policy Committee. Yeas-6, Nays-1. Motion approved.

New Business

The November 20th meeting of the Commission will begin at 5:30 pm, instead of 6:00 pm. The Commission will interview the candidates for the Commissioner at Large position after the regular Commission meeting.

The RFP for funds from the County Senior Millage is due October 17, 2008.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by J. Kilmer for a resolution in support of the Commission submitting the RFP for funding from the Genesee County Senior Millage for the period October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 and to administer those funds. Yeas-7, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the September 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-7, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Administration & Policy

T. Brundle had distributed the Director's Evaluation to the Commission for members to complete. Several of the members asked for clarification regarding some of the categories on the evaluation form. After discussing the concerns and clarifying the items in question members agreed they would be able to complete the evaluations and return the forms to T. Brundle.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Brundle, to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-7, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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