

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of January 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jet Kilmer at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
	Brad Hester	Commissioner
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner

Commission Absent:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman
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Staff Present:	Kae Eidson	Executive Director
	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Vickie Michelson	Senior Coordinator
	Kellie Sergent	Recreation Programmer
	Andy Taylor	Maintenance Supervisor
	Paula Rainey	Office Manager

Approval of Agenda

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by B. Hester to approve the agenda as presented.

Request by J. Kilmer to add a discussion of meeting times to the agenda, under New Business.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by B. Hester to approve the agenda as ammended. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Election of Officers

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by T. Brundle, to nominate Susan Soderstrom as Chairman of the Commission for the year 2009. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Brundle, to nominate Jet Kilmer as Vice Chairman of the Commission for the year 2009. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G Gratsch, supported by T. Pettit, to nominate Ted Brundle as Secretary of the Commission for the year 2009. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

On behalf of Chairman Susan Soderstrom Vice Chairman, J. Kilmer appointed Tom Pettit to the position of Treasurer for the year 2009.

The 2009 officers are as follows:

Chairman	Susan Soderstrom
Vice Chairman	Jet Kilmer
Secretary	Ted Brundle
Treasurer	Tom Pettit

Committee chairs are as follows:

Senior	Gary Gratsch
Area & Facilities	Tom Pettit
Administration and Policy	Ted Brundle
Budget and Finance	Tom Pettit

Minutes

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Pettit, to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2008 meeting as presented. Yeas-6 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 and Genesee County Senior Advisory Committee meetings.

Registration for Winter programs began December 10th. Programs include swim instruction, youth basketball programs, programs for special needs children and several special events.

The Director attended a meeting at Grand Blanc Township to review final plans regarding the MDOT grant for a trail through Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Director Eidson along with Assistant Director J. Weasel and Recreation Programmer K. Sergent met with Grand Blanc High School Principal J. Hammond and a student at the High School regarding reviving the High School intramural program.

The Director has completed and presented the annual evaluations to the full time staff.

The final report was completed and submitted to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint-Grand Blanc Fund regarding the grant for computers at the Senior Center.

Director Eidson completed the November report for the County Senior Millage and submitted the report to Genesee County. The Director met with County officials to sign the new millage contract for 2009 funding.

The Director continues to follow up on the DNR Grant application for building soccer fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Preparations are underway for the 2009 Hard Times Party which is scheduled for March 7th.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that registration for Winter programs has been steady with swim and youth basketball programs.

There are some changes this season with the basketball programs. The "You Go Girl" league for girls in grades 3-7, will practice once a week in addition to the

Thursday games. A division for 7th and 8th grade players has been added to the Junior League Basketball program.

Adult basketball is at mid season and the program is running smoothly on both Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Letters have been sent for the upcoming adult softball season. Joe Munoz has agreed to supervise the leagues again this year. The season will begin the first week of May.

Jamie is currently updating contact information in preparation for sending recruitment letters to the seasonal staff who will be asked to return this summer.

Jamie has been filling out permits for building use for summer programs.

The sledding hill has been busy and the ice skating rink should be ready by mid January.

Jamie has been researching information and bids on replacing the van used by the Senior Center with a more commercial type vehicle with a wheel chair lift. This type of vehicle would be a great improvement over the van currently being used to transport Senior Center members.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent has been very busy with youth basketball programs. Junior League Basketball kicked off the season with a clinic January 12th. Games will begin January 24th. The league has been expanded to include 7th and 8th grade players.

There are several special events to look forward to in the coming weeks. The "Winter Wonderland Dance" for families of children with special needs is scheduled for Thursday, January 29th. The annual "Daddy Daughter Date Night" will be Wednesday, February 11th. The "Hard Times" Party will take place March 7th. The "Spring Fling" for area middle school aged students is scheduled for Friday, March 12th.

Elementary After School Programs will begin in late January and early February. "Kids Create" will be offered at three elementary schools this session. Kids Konnection is also offered at several schools. Bowling and roller skating programs are being offered as well, in partnership with Grand Blanc Lanes and Rollhaven, respectively.

The Grand Blanc Little League has met several times to prepare for the 2009 season. Kellie is one of the six board members. Registration for 2008 returning players will begin January 12th. New Players can begin registering January 24th, with registration continuing through February 27th. A new division has been added this year. The Rookie division is for 8 and 9 year old players and will be peer pitched. This division will give the more advanced 8 year old players a more competitive environment.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and the maintenance staff have been coordinating with the City DPW regarding opening the ice skating rink at Physicians' Park.

So far this has been a good season for the sledding hill. It has been cold and snowy resulting in very few down days. Some electrical repairs have been necessary for the snow making machines.

The staff spent some time clearing fallen trees and branches from the trails at Creasey bicentennial Park as a result of heavy winds. The maintenance staff has been making an attempt to groom the trails, using Jamie's snow mobile. There have been many positive comments by the regular trail users.

Andy has been researching different grass seeds in anticipation of building the new soccer fields at the park. Andy is also looking into additional mowing equipment that may be necessary.

Senior Quarterly Reports

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

Senior Coordinator Vickie Michelson reported that membership at the Senior Center continues to grow. Many people have learned of the services and programs being offered through the website and the monthly Senior Center section in the Grand Blanc View. Currently over 1400 members are receiving the monthly newsletter. Participation in the Congregate Meal program is increasing.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

Director Eidson informed the Commission that the 1997 van currently being used for transporting members of the Senior Center will need to be replaced in the near future. The van has 105,000+ miles and continues to be in need of regular repairs and is not wheelchair accessible.

The Director and Assistant Director have been researching several vehicles. They were able to look at a fourteen passenger shuttle equipped with two wheelchair lifts. The cost of this vehicle is \$45,250.00.

The Director has met with City Manager R. Byrne regarding possible funding for the purchase of a new vehicle. There are \$13,000.00 in Community Block Grand funds that need to be used before April 30, 2009 or will be lost. The City will host a Public Hearing on January 28th regarding the remainder of these funds.

The Young At Hearts may be willing to make a contribution towards funding a new vehicle.

Director Eidson would like to apply for a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint to help fund the purchase of the new vehicle.

Motion by B. Hester, supported by T. Pettit, to support seeking a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for the purpose of purchasing a new van/shuttle bus equipped with a wheelchair lift for the Grand Blanc Senior Center. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Area & Facilities

No report.

New Business

The Director informed the Commission that the 2009 Hard Times Party is scheduled for March 7. A bond and temporary liquor license are required for the event.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by B. Clevenger, to apply for the bond and temporary liquor license as required for the 2009 Hard Times Party. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to change the meeting time for the monthly Commission meetings to 5:30 p.m. from the current scheduled start of 6:00 p.m. A discussion followed. An earlier starting time for the meetings would be a hardship for some members of the Commission due to work schedules. Yeas-0, Nays-6. Motion did not pass.

The schedule for the 2009 meetings for the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was approved at the December meeting, however the date for the April meeting was pending. The Director requested that the Commission meet April 23, 2009.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by B. Clevenger, to accept the December 2008 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by B. Clevenger, to adjourn the meeting as there was no other business to discuss. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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