

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of September 27, 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
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
	Roger Swaim	Commissioner
	Ginny Knag	Commissioner

Commission Absent:	Ted Brundle	Secretary
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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

Minutes

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, that the Minutes of the August 16, 2007, meeting be approved 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 and Kiwanis meetings.

Much time this month has been spent planning for and working at the entertainment tent at the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest, September 13-16. The tent was open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with food, beverages and live entertainment as well as Saturday afternoon for a pulled pork dinner.

The Director met with a representative of Proffer Signs regarding refurbishing or replacing the sign at the entrance of the youth baseball fields at Creasey Bicentennial Park.

Director Eidson along with J. Weasel and K. Sergent met with members of the Grand Blanc Little League Board to discuss the inaugural season of our partnership and ideas and concerns for going forward. Eidson also attended the Grand Blanc Little League Annual Meeting.

The Director and Assistant Director along with representatives of the City and Township met at Vidcam to review the latest version or the GBPR promotional video.

Director Eidson continues to attend meetings regarding the Genesee County Senior Citizens Millage and compiling the required reports for use of the funds.

The Director would like to request funds from the Township Cell Tower Fund for the installation of the Sof Surface tiles and the purchase and installation of the "X Wave" play ground equipment near the Splash Pad as well as repairs to the basketball courts at the park.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by G. Gratsch, to request \$15,811.73 from the Township Cell Tower Fund as reimbursement for the purchase and installation of the Sof Surface tiles and the "X Wave" playground equipment near the Splash Pad at Creasey Bicentennial Park. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by G. Gratsch, to request \$2,800.00 from the Township Cell Tower Fund as reimbursement for repairs made to the basketball courts at Creasey Bicentennial Park. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The Director submitted a request to the City to transfer funds from the City Millage Account for the 2007 Summer Concerts and also for the annual reimbursement toward the Recreation Programmer's salary. The City Council has approved the transfer of funds.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to transfer \$4330.75 from the City Millage Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement for expenses incurred for the 2007 Summer Concerts. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to transfer \$5,000.00 from the City Millage Fund to the General Fund for funding of the Recreation Programmer position. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel reported that the weigh-in and parents meeting for Junior League Football players was held August 28. Many of the coaches helped with fitting the players with equipment.

The Flag Football League, for children in second and third graders, is full with eight teams this fall. This is a fun and exciting league.

The Adult Kickball season has gone well. The league is scheduled to end the final week of September. There were eight teams playing this year.

Registration for fall activities began September 11. Swim instruction and lacrosse are offered for fall. Swim registration has gone well. Classes began September 15th.

Everyone spent a great deal of time planning for and working at the Family Fun Fest. Many thanks to Andy Taylor and the maintenance staff for all of their hard work.

The Splash Pad is closed for the season. It was very busy in late May and throughout June and July. The rubber mat flooring was a fantastic addition to the Splash Pad. The new playground feature just outside the Splash pad is very nice.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported that Jr. League Football, Cheer, and Flag Football kicked off their first games on Saturday, September 15 at Creasey Bicentennial Park. The Flag Football and heavyweight tackle teams are full; however the numbers in cheer and lightweights are slightly lower than in years past. Most JLF coaches and the Cheer coaches are all returning from last year. There are several new caches in the Flag league. Equipment distribution and weigh-in went well, with the majority of the players present. Kellie is working on two fundraisers this year. "Blocks of Support" are ads parents or businesses can buy in the program we plan to produce and sell at games. This replaces the traditional pizza sale. T-shirts and sweatshirts are again being sold this year. Thus far, sales have gone well.

Kellie has spent a lot of time going to each of the schools and coordinating gym space for after school programs and distributing the flyers. Current plans are to offer after school karate and bowling, along with our traditional flag football, cheer, and games. A new Kids Pastry Chef class taught by local crafter Debbie Case is planned for four elementary schools this fall. Programs will all start the first week of October and most will run from 5-8 weeks.

Kellie helped with the Entertainment Tent throughout the Family fun Fest. Despite the temps, the volunteers and staff who helped out were great and the Family Fun Fest brought a lot of GB residents out to the carnival and booths.

Kellie, along with the Director and Assistant Director recently met with B. Bender and J. Whyatt of Grand Blanc Little League to discuss the direction of the program. A Board Meeting/Election was held on Tuesday, September 18 to decide the 2008 Board. Six candidates were nominated and the 2007 Board unanimously agreed to reduce the board to four seats plus a Parks & Recreation representative to keep the league focused and provide a consistent and manageable group to make decisions. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, to discuss the direction of the league and create a potential calendar for the 2008 year.

On Monday, August 27, Kellie joined K. Eidson and J. Weasel to golf in the 1st Annual Collin Dembo Memorial Outing at the Flint Elks. The Dembo family was very appreciative to see the support and members from GBPR in attendance. Their family has been in several GBPR activities for years, including Jr. League Football.

Maintenance Supervisor

The maintenance staff helped prepare football equipment for distribution for the Junior League Football program. Games for JLF and Flag Football started Saturday, September 15.

The new "X Wave" playground equipment has been installed near the Splash Pad.

The maintenance staff helped with a number of tasks for the Grand Blanc Family Fun Fest including: installing fencing around the entertainment tent, mowing parking and fireworks areas, setting up stage and sound equipment, and general clean up of the tent area. Assistance was received from the Township DPW (hydraulic post pounder), Grand Blanc School grounds department (mower deck) and Holy Family Men's Club (400 feet of fencing), to accomplish these tasks.

Doug Spillers of Spartan Distributors loaned the department a utility vehicle for the weekend.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

The Director presented the August Senior Expense report.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to transfer \$38,897.00 from the Senior Millage Account to the General Fund for the August Senior expenses. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Area & Facilities

No report.

Financial Reports

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the August 2007 Financial reports as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

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 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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