

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of December 8, 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
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
	Gary Gratsch	Commissioner
Commission Absent	Ginny Knag	Commissioner
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

Minutes

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to accept the minutes of the November 20, 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.

The Director and K. Richardson of Grand Blanc Township met at Creasey Bicentennial Park to discuss a security camera system for the park.

Director Eidson attended the swearing-in-ceremony for the newly elected Township Board of Trustees.

The Director and Assistant Director met with Township Superintendent D. Dunnill and R. Eggers of the Spicer Group to review the plans and status of the DNR Soccer Grant.

Much time has been spent preparing and proofing the Winter/Spring program guide. The program guide was delivered in the December 4th edition of the Grand Blanc View.

The Director has been updating the rental agreement for the Senior Center and the large pavilion at Creasey Bicentennial Park as recommended by C. White of the Michigan Participating Plan.

Director Eidson continues to work on the annual evaluations for the full time staff and to monitor and complete reports for the Genesee County Senior Millage.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel has been preparing for the opening of the sled hill. The snow fall resulting in a snow day for Grand Blanc Schools on December 1st allowed for the opening of the hill.

Jamie has been working with staff and the Grand Blanc View preparing the Winter/Spring program guide. Distributing the program guide in the GB View will reach more people than flyers sent home through the area schools.

Registration for Winter programs is scheduled to begin December 10th. Programs available include swim instruction, youth basketball programs for children age 3 to eighth grade, as well as tickets for the annual "Daddy Daughter Date Night".

The annual Santa Hotline is scheduled for December 17th and 18th, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm.

Jamie and the maintenance staff have been working on a problem with the sound system at the Senior Center. A new hands free microphone that is compatible with the system in the large room has been purchased. This microphone works well and should be a nice addition for exercise classes, bingo, presentations, and more.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent reported Fall after school programs are coming to an end. The Kids Konnection after school programs took place at four elementary schools. Enrollment was not as high as anticipated. It may take a while for the new program to gain interest.

Kellie has been working with T. Stevens of YourIT regarding updating the website. The goal is to make the website more user friendly and offer increased visibility of programs and special events.

Kellie also included a report for Flag and Junior League Football programs.

The Holiday Harvest Dance, scheduled for November 21st, was cancelled due to low response. Only fifteen people had responded to the invitation.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor reported the maintenance staff has everything ready for making snow at the sled hill. Salt has been purchased for the Senior Center and the snow blower has been readied for the season. The staff has been doing some maintenance on the trails at Creasey Bicentennial Park, marking and removing some possible hazards.

John Sopha and Chris Hester assisted an entomologist from the MSU Cooperative Extension Service with research on the Emerald Ash Borer in Bicentennial Park. This consisted of cutting down partially dead trees and looking for not only the ash borer, but also a type of wasp which may be a natural predator of the borer. Overall the entomologist was very impressed with the park and the quality of the woods.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

No report.

Area & Facilities

No report

New Business

The 2009 schedule for the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission meetings was presented.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by B. Clevenger, to accept the 2009 meeting schedule as presented. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The Director proposed that the office be closed on December 26th as the Township offices will be closed that day. Full time staff would take this as a vacation day.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by T. Pettit, to allow the Parks and Recreation office to be closed on Friday, December 26, 2008. Yeas-6, Nays-0. Motion approved.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the November 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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