

GRAND BLANC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of February 19, 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:	Susan Soderstrom	Chairman (arrived late)
	Jet Kilmer	Vice Chairman
	Ted Brundle	Secretary
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Ben Clevenger	Commissioner
	Brad Hester	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

Minutes

Motion by G. Gratsch, supported by T. Pettit, to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2009 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, along with Assistant Director J. Weasel and Recreation Programmer K. Sergent met with K. Pavelich, Director of the Christian Life Center at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Grand Blanc to discuss programming and facility use options.

Director Eidson attended the annual conference of the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association in Dearborn. Some of the sessions attended included: Irrigation Systems, Presenting Agency Benefits, Developing Partnerships, Risk Management for Special Events, Director's Roundtable Discussion, and Going Green.

The Director met with K. Trumbo of the Grand Blanc View, R. Alvarez of Financial Plus, and J. Kilmer of the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce to discuss marketing ideas and sponsorship strategies.

Director Eidson has completed the grant application to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for the proposed shuttle bus for the Senior Center. A grant donation request has also been submitted to the Wal-Mart Foundation through Sam's Club. The Director has also been working with the City to complete the

application process for Community Development Block Grant Funds through the Genesee County Planning Commission, including advertising for bids.

The Director included the copy of an e-mail sent to Dr. Newton, Superintendent of Grand Blanc Schools regarding a competing baseball tournament sponsored by the Grand Blanc Baseball Boosters. The tournament is planned for the same weekend as our annual tournament and will impact our event. The competing tournament organizers were granted permits to use the varsity baseball field. Due to the loss of this field the Parks and Recreation tournament will not be able to host the 15-16 year old teams and will have competition in the 10 and 14 year old divisions from the tournament hosted by the boosters.

Director Eidson has talked with Dr. Newton in the past regarding programming and facility conflicts with Community Education. The Director will meet at least twice a year with Dr. Newton to discuss planned events and programs. This should alleviate some of the conflicts that have been experienced over the past few months.

Motion by T. Pettit, supported by B. Hester, requesting the Director write a letter to the Grand Blanc Board of Education outlining the recent conflicts with programming and facility scheduling that have been at issue with the schools. Yea-7, Nays-0. Motion approved.

The staff has been working on preparations for the annual Hard Times Party, securing the necessary permits and licenses as well as following up on raffle prize donations.

Director Eidson has begun seeking sponsorships for the summer concert series.

The Director thanked Commissioner B. Clevenger for his efforts and support working with the Township Board of Trustees in getting the second resolution of support passed regarding the soccer grant. The Director continues to communicate with R. Eggers of the Spicer Group and to work with the Township regarding the soccer grant. The project agreements have been signed and returned to the DNR for their signature. After the DNR returns the signed copy of the agreement the bidding process will begin.

Director Eidson included the 2008 Year End Report.

Assistant Director's Report

Assistant Director Jamie Weasel attended the January 28th meeting of the City Council to request that the unused Community Development Block Grant Funds be applied toward the purchase of a shuttle bus for the Senior Center. The total amount of these funds is \$13,300. The City Council approved the request. Bids will be opened Monday, February 16th. Pending funding, delivery of the shuttle is expected in April.

Jamie attended the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association annual conference in Dearborn.

The annual "Daddy Daughter Date Night" was held Wednesday, February 11th with 210 dads and daughters enjoying the "Mardi Gras" themed evening.

Jamie has visited several programs over the past month including, Men's Basketball, 'You Go Girl', First Step and Junior League Basketball programs and swim classes. All programs are running smoothly thanks to outstanding leadership of the on-site supervisors.

The sledding hill and ice rink have been closed due to the warmer weather the past few weeks. The hill has been staffed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, weather permitting, and on days when schools have been closed.

Registration has begun for the Men's and Co-ed softball leagues. Men will play double headers on Tuesdays. Co-ed teams will play Wednesdays.

Jamie has also been working with Community Education regarding building permits for summer activities. Mailings have gone out to 2008 summer staff regarding returning for the 2009 summer programs.

Recreation Programmer Report

Recreation Programmer Kellie Sergent has been very busy with youth basketball programs in full swing. Thanks to a generous donation from the Grand Blanc Chamber of Commerce \$50 scholarships were offered to 15 players.

After School programs at the elementary schools are going well. The after school bowling and skating programs offered in cooperation with Grand Blanc Lanes and Rollhaven, respectively, have been very popular.

The special needs basketball program is going well. Mark Stegall is supervising the program this season. Mark has worked playground and other programs in the past. Feedback from both parents and participants has been positive.

Grand Blanc Little League continues to meet regularly to discuss the upcoming 2009 season. Registration has been steady, although numbers for some divisions seem to be down slightly. Many people seem excited about the new "Rookie" division, which allows 8 year olds to play "peer" pitch and regular games. The board has chosen to reopen bids for photography and uniforms with the hope of doing business with vendors in the Grand Blanc area, or at least within Genesee County.

The annual "Spring Fling" for area middle school students is scheduled for Friday, March 13th.

Maintenance Supervisor

Maintenance Supervisor Andy Taylor and the maintenance staff have been taking advantage of the milder weather to clean up the park. They have also been catching up on scheduled maintenance of park vehicles and machinery.

The maintenance staff helped with the set up and clean up of the "Daddy Daughter Date Night" in February.

Some repairs were required on the exhaust system of the senior van. The tires were replaced on the old truck.

The staff has also been coordinating activities for the upcoming Hard Times Party.

Administration & Policy

No report.

Budget & Finance

No report.

Senior Committee

The Senior Committee met January 26th with B. Hester, J. Kilmer, Senior Coordinator V. Michelson and Director K. Eidson present. Commissioner G. Gratsch was contacted by phone.

The only item on the agenda was the discussion of proposals regarding purchasing a 15 passenger shuttle bus / van for use at the Senior Center. With possible funds available from the Community Development Block Grant Program, based on the outcome of a public hearing and approval from the Genesee County Planning Commission, staff is recommending moving forward with this purchase.

The lowest of the three quotes received was \$45,250.00.

There were some questions regarding the warranty, service to the vehicle, and handling of Amigo's and other motorized carts. These questions were answered via e-mail. The committee then voted via e-mail and telephone to make a recommendation to the full Commission to move forward with the purchase of the shuttle bus, pending final approval of CBDG funds.

Motion by J. Kilmer, supported by B. Hester to move forward with the purchase of the shuttle bus contingent on approval of Community Development Block Grant funds. Yeas-6, Nays-0, Abstentions-1. Motion approved.

Area & Facilities

No report.

Financial Reports

Motion by, T. Pettit, supported by J. Kilmer, to accept the January 2009 Financial Reports as presented. Yeas-7, 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-7, Nays-0. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brundle, Secretary
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