



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 2, 2012

To: Mike Culpepper, Interim City Manager

From: Mark F. Miller, Director of Economic & Community Development
R. Brent Savidant, Planning Director

Subject: FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

The Planning Department, Recreation Department and Department of Public Works are participating in a joint effort to update the City of Troy Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The Plan was adopted in 2007 and expires on December 31, 2012. The Plan will meet the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans.

A Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan identifies recreational need and determines long-range parks and recreation goals. One of the goals of this planning process is to determine a course of action for undeveloped properties identified in the previous Plan as future parks. A Parks and Recreation Plan is necessary to become eligible to participate in State Parks and Recreation Grant Programs for improvements included in the Plan. There is no obligation to apply for grant funding.

Public input will be solicited in a number of ways: (1) Online Parks and Recreation Survey; (2) MiCommunity Remarks online tool; (3) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board public meetings; and (4) City Council meeting.

A project website was created to be a central point of community engagement and information clearing house. The project website can be found here: <http://troyrecplan.com/site/>. November 26, 2012 is the targeted date for release of the Parks and Recreation Survey and the MiCommunity Remarks online tool. The Parks and Recreation Survey will utilize Survey Monkey and is intended to gather input on various parks and recreation issues. The MiCommunity Remarks online tool will provide residents with an opportunity to leave specific comments related to City parks, and engage in dialogue with other residents online. The survey and MiCommunity Remarks tool can be found on the project website.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a public meeting on October 25, 2012 and adopted a resolution of support for the project.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be a recommending body for the document. City Council will have final approval authority.

Attachment:

1. Minutes from October 25, 2012 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A special meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 25th, 2012 at the Troy Community Center, Administration Meeting Room. Chairperson Janice Zikakis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Janice Zikakis, Orestes Kaltsounis, Jeff Stewart, Kathleen Fejes, Laurie Huber, Jeff Biegler, Kurt Bovensiepe, Aditya Yelamanchi (student representative)

Absent: Tod Gazetti, Meaghan Kovacs, Gary Hauff

Visitors: Justin Breyer, intern City Manager's Office

Discussion Item

At the November 12th, 2012 City Council meeting the resolution for the Parks and Recreation Five-Year Planning process will be forwarded to the City Council.

The survey that is approved tonight will then be placed online on Tuesday, November 13th, 2012. Justin is looking into various ways to let residents know the survey is available online. Hard copies will be available at the Planning Department.

Resolution # PR - 2012 - 10 - 001

Moved by Orestes Kaltsounis

Seconded by Kathleen Fejes

RESOLVED

WHEREAS, The City of Troy Parks and Recreation Plan of 2007-2012 expires on December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to develop a Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan to apply for park improvement grants through the Michigan Department of Nature Resources; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City administration seek comprehensive and inclusive public input in to the Parks and Recreation planning process; and

WHEREAS, The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and City administration find it prudent to develop a Parks and Recreation Five-Year Plan to use as a guide for the future of the Parks and Recreation Departments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board supports the furtherance of the Parks and Recreation Five-year planning process

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Janice Zikakis, Vice Chairperson

Lynne Lambert, Recording Secretary