PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A special meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 21, 2013 at the Troy Community Center, Room 305. Recreation Director Carol Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Janice Zikakis, Jeff Stewart, Kathleen Fejes, Gary Hauff, Laurie Huber, Orestes Kaltsounis, Aditya Yelamanchi (student representative)

Absent: Tod Gazetti, Meaghan Kovacs,

Staff: Carol Anderson, Kurt Bovensiep, Justin Breyer, intern City Manager's Office, Brent Savidant, City of Troy Planning Director, and Ben Carlisle of Carlisle-Wortman and Associates

Visitors: Jim Werpetinski, Cindy Kmett

Resolution # PR - 2013 - 02 - 001
Moved by Orestes Kaltsounis
Seconded by Jeff Stewart

RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 12, 2012 are approved as submitted.

Yes: 6
No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2013 - 02 - 002
Moved by Jeff Stewart
Seconded by Laurie Huber

RESOLVED, that the minutes of October 25, 2012 are approved as submitted.

Yes: 6
No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

I. Old Business
   A. Review of Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan
      Justin Breyer presented a review draft of 5 Year Master Plan. The process is:
      1. Review of the plan
      2. Proposed changes
      3. Public Input
      4. Resolution by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to recommend adoption to council
      5. Public review period
      6. Public hearing
      7. Adoption by City Council

      The Parks and Recreation Draft Master Plan provides a list of priorities. It is a directional plan detailing the wants and desires of the community.

Board discussion regarding the plan and possible funding options to implement the plan elements.

Public comments

- Cynthia Kmett commented that currently Council is concerned about the operating funds for the transit center.
- Jim Werpetinski would like to see the order changed of the action plan items and that it is time to take action on a dog park. The park could be simple and the farm is a good location.

Proposed changes to the plan

- Justin Breyer handed out an addition to the Plan. MDNR Recreation Grant Inventory. (Attached to the minutes).

Brent Savidant addressed the order of the action plan. The fact that the dog park is #3 and not #1 or #2 does not matter. The policy and framework is in place and it is identified as a need.

Resolution # PR - 2013 - 02 – 003
Moved by Kathy Fejes
Seconded by Gary Hauff

RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends to the City Council adoption of the five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan with revisions/adjustments as proposed. The revisions (addition of the Troy MDMR Recreation Grant Inventory) will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

Yes: 6
No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

II. Staff Reports

A. Carol Anderson. Recreation

- Facility Usage Policy. Staff is working on a revisal that will give expanded use of parks and facilities. This will be presented to the board in the next few months.
- Partnerships. Focus for department and city. Current examples are the Troy Racquet Club and the Troy Nature Society.
- Troy City Council priorities. Council and the City Manager created a list of top 12 priorities (attached).
- Budget. The budget will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board for recommendation in the near future. A meeting will be set up for this required action.
  Capital projects for 6 years and beyond are being proposed. There has been very little capital funding the past 3 years. The Recreation department will focus on the Community Center, the Troy Family Aquatic Center and the Golf Courses. For Parks the capital funding is for equipment in parks and funds for future development of Dog Park, Paths and Trails.
- Hiring for new Recreation Director is in process.

B. Kurt Bovensiep. Parks

- Parks division is looking to make very small changes to parks. Sylvan Glen looking to add grills and portajohns. Reduce maintenance budget by combining with Streets for lawn mower services.
- Troy Garden Club purchased and planted a tree at Milverton Park.

C. Public Input

- Jim Werpetinski. Thank you to Carol Anderson for coming back. Thank you to the staff involved in creating the draft plan. Thank you to the board members for donating their time. It is time for the city to raise attitude to total positive.

III. Member Comments.

- Discussion on golf operations.
- Please invite the new City Manager to a board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next special meeting will be for budget review and the meeting will be scheduled when the budget is available.

Janice Zikakis, Vice Chairperson

Lynne Lambert, Recording Secretary