

## PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, May 18, 2006 at the Troy Community Center, Staff Conference Room. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present:                   Merrill Dixon, member                   Jan Zikakis, member  
                               Gary Hauff, member                   Tom Krent, chairman  
                               Tod Gazetti, member                   Jeff Stewart, member  
                               Meaghan Kovacs, member               Brad Henson, student representative  
                               Jeff Biegler, staff                   Stuart Alderman, staff  
                               Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Orestes Kaltsounis, Kathy Fejes (called in), Stu Redpath (called in)

Visitors: Megan Otzen, Lauren Eavenson

Resolution # PR - 2006 - 05 - 009

Moved by Zikakis

Seconded by Stewart

RESOLVED, That the minutes from March 16, 2006 are approved as submitted.

Yeas:                   7                   Abstained: 1 (Tom Krent)

Nays:                   None

MOTION CARRIED

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Budget – The department budget was reviewed. Some notes:

- Large increase in local tree and major tree due to ash tree removal and replacement.
- Utility costs have risen in the past year.
- Revenue for recreation is growing.
- Alternative sources of revenue have increased in recent past
- More than 350 jobs for adults and young adults are provided by the department.

B. Golf Division Budget – The golf course budget was reviewed. Some notes:

- Maintenance is remaining in house at Sanctuary Lake to lower costs.
- Sanctuary Lake has projected a significant increase in revenue.
- Fuel costs have risen for both golf courses.

C. Aquatics Budget – The aquatics budget was reviewed and there are no significant budget changes. The weather continues to influence sales and attendance at the aquatic center. The Aquatic Center is 15 years old and repairs and maintenance increase as the facility ages.

D. Capital Budget – The capital budget was reviewed.

E. Fee Waiver Policy for Military Personnel – The fee waiver policy was discussed and the following action was taken.

Resolution # PR - 2006 – 05 – 010

Moved by Hauff

Seconded by Dixon

RESOLVED, That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, to show support for active military residents, recommends that the City Council approve the "Fee Waiver Policy for Military Personnel on Leave."

Yes: All  
No: None  
MOTION CARRIED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Promotional Material for Hotels – The general managers for hotels in Troy have been contacted to offer passes to their guests at the resident rate. At the end of summer the hotels will be billed for any guests that used our facilities and we can track how many were sold. Brochures of our facilities were given to them for display.

### **Member Comments**

Tom Krent asked about the fan in the men's restroom at Boulan Park. It will be checked to be sure it is working properly.

Jan Zikakis asked about the prohibited tree list in Troy and why the Bradford Pear was listed on it. Jeff explained that as the tree ages it breaks apart and is not stable. It has also been overplanted and the population of this variety needs to be limited in the event of another pest outbreak.

Jan also asked about the sale of trees and whether the City would have a program like they used to. Jeff explained that the City would not however, the State of Michigan has partnered with DTE to purchase trees for the counties that were quarantined. Distribution sites will be set up and 200 trees per site will be available. Residents of the quarantined counties can order the trees this fall at half the cost and DTE will pay the other half. The trees will be available for planting in the spring of 2007.

### **Staff Reports**

- A. Directors Report – The Tree Ordinance has been undergoing revision for a number of years and is now before City Council. Developers may have increased costs because this Ordinance will require them to preserve or replace prohibited species. A list of recommended trees is given to the developers.

Staff has met with the Planning Department regarding the Masterplan. In addition, a committee has been formed of various City department staff to increase and improve trails/pathways around the city. The county is also interested in the development of the trails/pathways for getting people to the county trails.

- B. Recreation Report – The Aquatic Center Open House is the weekend of May 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. It will open Memorial Day weekend.

The City website is currently under revision to make it more user friendly.

Flynn Park will be getting some upgrades – the asphalt will be replaced, drainage, shrubs and plants will be added.

C. Parks Report – Irrigation will be installed at the Community Center and Jaycee Park.

The east tennis courts at Boulan Park (5,6,7,8) are currently being rebuilt. Courts 1,2,3,and 4 are scheduled for rebuilding this fall.

Annuals are being planted at the Aquatic Center, Civic Center and on Big Beaver Road.

Resolution # PR – 2006 – 05 - 011

Moved by Stewart

Seconded by Henson

RESOLVED, That the meetings for June, July and August are canceled unless an issue necessitates a meeting. If so, a special meeting will be called.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR – 2006 – 05 – 012

Moved by Hauff

Seconded by Zikakis

RESOLVED, To excuse absent members who have provided notification.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Tom Krent, Chairman

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Mary Williams, Recording Secretary