PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 21st, 2013 at the Troy Community Center, in room 301. Vice Chairman, Jeff Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jeff Stewart, Gary Hauff, Orestes Kaltsounis, Meaghan Kovacs, Carolyn Noble, Steve Toth
Staff: Carol Anderson, Kurt Bovensiep, Lori Bluhm, Brian Goul, Elaine Bo

Absent: Janice Zikakis, Laurie Huber, David Bluhm

Visitors: Carla Reeb, Cindy Wymer

Resolution # PR - 2013 - 11 - 001
Moved by Orestes Kaltsounis
Seconded by Meaghan Kovacs

RESOLVED, that minutes from October 17th are approved after correcting the spelling of Jan Zikakis' last name.

Yes: 5
No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

I. New Business

A. Carol introduced our new board member Steve Toth. Steve gave his background with the Boys and Girls club of Troy and the YMCA, along with his background of coaching soccer.

Carol introduced new board member Carolyn Noble. Carolyn is interested in pursuing 5K races here in Troy, and other events appealing to a younger resident.

B. Troy Nature Society Annual Report. Carla Reeb and Cindy Wymer represented TNS. Stu Redpath was the President of the Troy Nature Society since last April. He is dearly missed. Board members have stepped up to continue work on his projects.
Carla noted a 60% increase in visitors up to 13,500 this past year. Membership increased 300%. Currently they have 200 volunteers. Great work being done with local schools for programs. They are always seeking funding as a nonprofit. Patrons are very appreciative of the Nature Society.
Cindy reviewed the financial summary noting they have finished their 2nd audit. They just signed a new 2 year contract with the city.

C. Parks and Recreation meeting dates for 2014 was distributed and will be posted. This can be changed based on member's input.

D. Parks and Recreation board contact information was distributed.

E. Election of Officers. This was tabled until February as 2 members not in attendance.

II. Old Business

A. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Function and Purpose. The board questionnaire was discussed and board members gave input.

III. Members Comments

A. Steve Toth asked for more information about Code and Charter Chapter 27. The April meeting the budget is presented and recommend budget to City Council. April 2013 we did not have a quorum. Prior to 2007 funding was given to the department for staff and programming. After 2007 programs and staff needed to be cost neutral and administration expense was greatly reduced. Parks does not have revenue and 98% of expenses are paid from general fund dollars. We can discuss further possible revisions to Chapter 27 to submit to our legal department.

B. Upgrade of Christmas Displays. Kurt responded that all new garland was purchased for the wire displays. The Kiwanis club's goal is to line Big Beaver corridor trees with lights for the holiday season.

IV. Staff Reports

A. Recreation Report

1. Brian Goul reviewed holiday programming.
2. Elaine Bo discussed 2014 new programs and handed out flyers.
3. Carol Anderson discussed the Study Session after the City Council meeting on Monday November 25th to discuss the Story of Troy. They will review the declining revenues and declining expenses which has resulted in a fund balance. Council will prioritize how to use this balance.

B. Parks Report

1. Kurt Bovensiep had discussed the Christmas displays in members' comments.

C. Public Input. None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jeff Stewart, Vice-Chairman

Lynne Lambert, Recording Secretary