

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of February 14, 2002

Present: Orestes Kaltsounis, member Gary Hauff, member
John Goetz, member Tom Krent, member
Larry Jose, member Kathleen Fejes, member
Robert O'Brien, member Stuart Alderman, staff
Carol K. Anderson, staff Jeff Biegler, staff

Absent: Jeff Stewart, Doug Bordas and Lucy Lu

Visitors: Tony Berti, Dale Zygnowicz

Vice Chairman Orestes Kaltsounis called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

A motion by Gary Hauff, supported by Kathleen Fejes, that the minutes from January 11, 2002 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: All Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

New Business

- A. Nature Center Opening and Ribbon Cutting – February 25th is the scheduled date for the opening ceremony and ribbon cutting. All board members are invited.
- B. Troy Youth Football – Tony Berti, the president of Troy Youth Football for the past 4 years, explained that TYFA has been in existence for 47 years and that he has been involved with the program for 7 years. There are 4 football and 4 cheerleading programs. There were approximately 200 participants in their programs last year and they compete with Oakland and Macomb leagues. The teams play nine games in the season, playoffs and a Superbowl game. They have an annual budget of \$40,000.00 which is raised through various fund raisers, the bulk of which is used for equipment.
- C. Capital Projects – Proposed Capital projects for the 2002-03 fiscal year were discussed.

Old Business

- A. Community Center Update – Target date to open is the end of March. Currently, tiling in hallways, lobby and pool area is being done, painting and flooring in the gymnasium. We are hiring additional staff for the new facility as well as lifeguards. To date, 511 community center passes have been sold.

Member Comments - Mr. Kaltsounis suggested that consideration be given to enlarge the lake at Firefighters Park, make a beach on one side and then charge to use it.

Staff Reports

- A. Director's Report –City Council will discuss whether special events should be allowed in the parks. To allow a special interest group to hold an event in a park does provide an outlet for that group however, the park would not be available to residents during that time as well as set-up and clean up of the event.

We are negotiating the purchase of a parcel on the southwest side of Robinwood Park. This item is also going before City Council.

- B. Recreation Report – The spring brochure has been mailed. Registration begins at the end of February. Spring and summer are our busiest seasons.

Interviews for the Fitness Gym and Aquatics coordinator positions are taking place. The new employees will be introduced to the Board at a later meeting.

- C. Parks Report – Fencing installation at Perrin cemetery is about to begin.

Irrigation installation at Raintree ball diamond and Boulan Lacrosse field is scheduled for the spring.

Additional banners will be installed along Big Beaver from I-75 to Dequindre.

Pathway lighting at Robinwood Park will be completed this year.

Bids went out for a large storage building at DPW so equipment can be stored and not out in the elements to rust.

A motion by Kathleen Fejes, supported by Gary Hauff, to excuse absent members.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Peltier