

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, September 11, 2003 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairman, Lawrence Jose called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Doug Bordas, member Merrill Dixon, member
 Ida Edmunds, member Kathleen Fejes, member
 Lawrence Jose, member Orestes Kaltsounis, member
 Tom Krent, member Jeff Stewart, member
 Janice Zikakis, member Amy Kern, member
 Stu Alderman, staff Jeff Biegler, staff
 Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Meaghan Kovacs

Visitors: None

Resolution # PR - 2003 - 09 - 004

Moved by Bordas

Seconded by Krent

RESOLVED, that the minutes from July 8 be approved by amending page 1, the second paragraph under NEW BUSINESS by **STRIKING** the first "Tom Krent" and **INSERTING** "Doug Bordas" and Be it Further Resolved that the minutes from July 31 be approved as submitted.

Yeas: All 9

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2003 - 09 - 005

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Bordas

RESOLVED, that Meaghan Kovacs be excused.

Yeas: All 9

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Erika Poplar - Grant Writer/Marketing Coordinator - was unable to attend this meeting and has rescheduled for our next meeting in October.

B. Park Board Member Composition - Larry Jose, Orestes Kaltsounis and Jeff Stewart have been reappointed to a three year term, Ida Edmunds has been appointed as the School District member for another year and Merrill Dixon has been appointed as the Senior

Advisory Committee member for the next year. Amy Kerns is our new student representative.

Discussion followed regarding adding an eleventh member to this board from the Advisory Committee for Disabilities.

C. Joint Meeting - Advisory Committee for Disabilities - Carol Anderson will invite members from the Advisory Committee for Disabilities to join us at our October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Park Naming Criteria - City Council adopted the Procedure For Naming Parks with two exceptions; 1) Under the Guidelines for Naming Parks After Groups or Organizations they changed the amount to be contributed for development from 51% to 60%, and 2) Under City Council Procedure, they struck out #3 completely "positive action by the Park Board will move the question to City Council for consideration."

2. Signage - Discussion followed regarding whether signage for an amenity should be at the street or the amenity.

Resolution # PR - 2003 - 09 - 06

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Bordas

RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends that no signage other than the name of the park be on the sign at the street and that any sponsored, donated or contributed amenity should have its signage at the location of the amenity.

Ayes: All 9

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Rotary Park - At the request of City Council, a survey was sent to residents surrounding Sylvan Glen Lake Park. Many residents are opposed to any development of that park. Jeff Biegler reported that the play structures in all of our parks either meets or exceeds ADA accessible standards.

C. Parks and Recreation General Fund Subsidy - In an effort to cut costs and raise additional revenue, we will begin charging outside groups for field maintenance and brochure space. In the past these services were free, however now they will be charged 20% of our direct costs and the brochure costs will be the actual cost. A letter explaining the new fees will be mailed to these groups.

D. Cricket - City Council will take action on the Cricket site memo at the October 27, 2003 meeting. The Cricket Club's last game is scheduled for October 12, 2003 and staff will be meeting with the residents in the area between October 12 and October 27 to get their feedback after one season of play.

E. Residency Requirement - No action was taken by City Council on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board action to keep the residency requirement at 75%.

Member Comments - Tom Krent updated everyone on the Civic Center Task Force meetings. The number one topic when asked what they would like to see on the Civic Center site is "pathways." A report will be prepared for City Council by the end of the year.

Staff Reports

A. Director's Report - The Citizen's Academy is meeting for a parks tour on September 25 and members of the board are welcome to join for a tour of our park facilities.

Troy Youth Football has asked for a dedicated football field for their participants. They were unable to work out an agreement with the school district and have requested the City build one for them.

A letter of thanks to John Goetz for his 26 years of service will be mailed to him. He was first appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on January 31, 1977.

B. Recreation Report - The Community Center brochure has been updated with new photos and prices for Community Center passes. The Nature Center and Park brochures are also being updated.

The total season passes for the Aquatic Center are down and overall revenue is down from last year. Swim lessons at the Aquatic Center more than doubled this past summer from 27,000 to 60,000.

C. Parks Report - Troy Daze is in full swing. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun at Boulan Park this weekend.

The City has many ash trees that are dead from the Emerald Ash Borer. The trees will be removed however due to the sheer number of them, it will take some time. This pest has spread beyond the original seven counties into the surrounding counties.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Lawrence Jose, Chairman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary