

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 21, 2004 at the Troy Community Center, staff conference room. Chairwoman, Kathleen Fejes called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: Stu Redpath, member Jeff Stewart, member
 Tom Krent, member Tod Gazetti, member
 Rusty Kaltsounis, member Jan Zikakis, member
 Kathleen Fejes, member Brad Henson, student representative
 Jeff Biegler, staff Stuart Alderman, staff
 Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Merrill Dixon, Ida Edmunds, Meaghan Kovacs

Visitors: Lauren Sharer, Bill Weisgerber

Resolution # PR - 2004 - 10 - 019

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Redpath

RESOLVED, that absent members be excused.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2004 - 10 - 020

Moved by Zikakis

Seconded by Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, that the minutes from September 9, 2004 be approved as submitted.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Introduction of New Members:

1) Brad Henson is the new student representative. He is currently attending Troy High School and likes to snowboard. He is applying for membership into the National Honor Society.

2) Tod Gazetti is the newest member on the board. He was just appointed by council on Monday evening. He is the Superintendent of Recreation in Royal Oak.

Visitor - Lauren Sharer is the intern in the department. She will graduate in December from Central Michigan University. She has worked in Parks and Recreation since high school where she worked in Roseville.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Organizational Positives - A list of accomplishments for 2003 was highlighted. Troy was named #1 Sportstown in Michigan by Sports Illustrated, opened a new golf course, began online registration, added more programs and pursued additional money thru grants just to name a few.

B. Public Display Policy - City Council has approved two sites for public displays. These sites are located behind the library. This department will take the applications and have the lottery. Each approved application will get either 12 or 19 days, depending on the time of year, for their display.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Rotary Park - Negotiations continue with the Rotary Club for development of the remnant parcel on Long Lake. The City Attorney's office is reviewing terms of the agreement including park naming stipulation, financial contribution and length of the agreement.

B. Cricket - The practice pitch at Garry Street has been removed. A new site has not been identified at this time. Staff will continue evaluating different locations for Cricket.

Member Comments:

Tom Krent asked about the fence at Sylvan Glen Golf Course along Rochester Road. Carol Anderson mentioned that we are looking at options including ornamental fencing.

Jeff Stewart congratulated Stu Redpath on being named "Principal of the Year."

Staff Reports

Directors Report - Carol Anderson thanked the Park Board for adjusting their schedules in order to make the meeting this week.

Recreation Report - The winter brochure will be sent to the printer soon and then mailed to residents and businesses.

A video telephone has been installed in the senior reading room of the Community Center. This telephone is available to the deaf for free.

The Senior Coordinator, Melissa Humbyrd, is leaving in two weeks as she has accepted a full time position with another agency.

The fitness room is expanding and ten additional ellipticals will be purchased. Bids will be taken soon for eight additional treadmills.

Parks Report - It is the end of the season and the irrigation system is currently being winterized and the flowerbeds are being removed.

J. H. Hart, the contractor working on Ash tree removal, is currently working in section 25 removing Ash trees. Approximately 1200 trees have been removed thus far.

The state of Michigan is proposing a program for private property owners to take advantage of standardized prices for tree removal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Kathleen Fejes, Chairwoman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary