

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, January 13, 2005 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairwoman, Kathleen Fejes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Merrill Dixon, member Ida Edmunds, member
 Kathleen Fejes, member Tod Gazetti, member
 Tom Krent, member Meaghan Kovacs, member
 Stu Redpath, member Janice Zikakis, member
 Stuart Alderman, staff Jeff Biegler, staff
 Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Brad Henson, Jeff Stewart, Rusty Kaltsounis

Visitors:

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 01 - 001

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Kovacs

RESOLVED, that the minutes from the December 7, 2004 meeting are approved as submitted.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Aquatic Center Report - Compared to previous years, the Aquatic Center had lower attendance last summer. It is likely due to the cool temperatures. Swim lesson revenue increased however, there was a decrease in birthday party attendance. Marketing of the Aquatic Center is done through mailing brochures with water bills, newspaper coupons, and the Troy Today. In addition, there were numerous Special Events offered as enticements to targeted groups such as teens, grandparents, mothers, fathers, families, college students and back to school specials to name a few. Other marketing tools are being looked at to raise awareness of the Aquatic Center.

B. Community Center Food Service - The Senior Advisory Board wrote a letter regarding the cost of catered food and allowing non-profit groups to bring their own food to the Community Center. It was explained to them that the Community Center must cover its costs for operating and this is one way that revenue is generated. Additionally, the caterer must have exclusive rights for food service or it is unlikely any vendor would provide food service at the Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Baseball Stadium Proposal - was not discussed due to City Council voting it down on January 10, 2005.

B. Tree Removal - City Council approved 2 million dollars in the current fiscal year for removal and replacement of street trees. The replacement process has already begun and there are outside contracting crews dedicated to removal of the ash trees. The City of Troy

has also received money from the state for reimbursement costs of ash tree removal and replacement.

Member Comments

Tom Krent asked about lights that are on past 11 p.m. at Boulan Park. This has been corrected already. The tennis court lights are on a timer and automatically go off at 11 p.m. however the ball diamond lights must be turned off and on by an attendant. Staff will check on the lights.

Merrill Dixon brought the Sterling Heights Senior Newsletter in and read an article, which states that they charge .25 per person using their facility.

Staff Reports

Directors Report - none

Recreation Report - As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration, Community Kaleidoscope will be held at the Community Center this year. It will be held on Sunday, January 23, 2005 and a few of the activities that will be offered are; face painting, Community Group Expo, story telling and free swimming to name a few.

A new program will be offered through the Troy Coalition and other City/School groups - Spring Break Troy Style - during spring break week. Various businesses and groups are offering their services at discounted rates to teenagers during spring break week.

Eight new treadmills have arrived. Ten new ellipticals were received last month. The fitness area is now more than 7,000 square feet.

A new kiosk will be placed in the lobby of the Community Center. Residents will have access to online registration, their tax bills, and the City website. The new kiosk should be up and running by the end of the month.

Parks Report - Applications for seasonal summer laborers are now being accepted. There is also a need for a full-time tree trimmer. Applicants must be 18 years old and can fill out an application at City Hall in the Human Resources department.

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Motion by Zikakis

Seconded by Redpath

RESOLVED, that Jeff Stewart and Brad Henson are excused.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kathleen Fejes, Chairwoman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary