

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, January 19, 2006 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present:       Merrill Dixon, member                       Rusty Kaltsounis, member  
                  Gary Hauff, member                         Tom Krent, member  
                  Kathleen Fejes, member                     Meaghan Kovacs, member  
                  Tod Gazetti, member                        Stu Redpath, member  
                  Jeff Stewart, member                         Brad Henson, student representative  
                  Janice Zikakis, member                    Jeff Biegler, staff  
                  Stuart Alderman, staff                    Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent:

Visitors:

Resolution # PR - 2006 - 01 - 001

Moved by Fejes

Seconded by Stewart

RESOLVED, that minutes from October 13, 2005 be approved by amending page 1, the first paragraph under NEW BUSINESS by **STRIKING** "City Council on their recommendations" and **INSERTING** "Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and recommended to the City Council."

Yes:            All

Nays:           None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR – 2006 – 01 – 002

Moved by Hauff

Seconded by Dixon

RESOLVED, that the minutes from November 9, 2005 are approved as submitted.

Yes:            All

Nays:           None

MOTION CARRIED

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Community Center Annual Report – The annual report was reviewed and discussed. Some of the highlights were an increase in participation in Community Center programs and activities; the senior store, Creative Endeavors, made \$7,000 last year and is run completely by volunteers to mention just a few.
- B. 2005 Sponsorship and Grants – A list of sponsors and their donations was reviewed. In total \$37,095 was donated for programs.
- C. Board Members Listing for Troy Today – a new template for the Troy Today brochure was reviewed. It will list only the chairman's name, address and telephone number.

- D. Vacancies in Boards and Committees – The City Charter which addresses absences on Boards and Committees was reviewed. Tom Krent asked everyone to please call the office if they are unable to attend a meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Surveys – There has been a 31% return rate of the surveys mailed to residents in October, 2005. The survey results will be used to create the MasterPlan.
- B. Pocket Parks – Discussion followed whether remnant parcels should be developed into pocket parks.

Resolution #PR-2006-01-003  
Moved by: Hauff  
Seconded by: Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board acknowledges some value and desirability of pocket parks and recommend parcels be considered on an individual basis, based on the development potential and limitations.

Yes: All  
No: None  
MOTION CARRIED

- C. Ad Hoc Committee-Former Fire State #2 site – Merrill Dixon and Rusty Kaltsounis summarized the Ad Hoc Committee’s decision that there would be no advantage to developing the old fire station #2 site into a park. The parcel size is smaller than a residential lot.

Resolution #PR–2006-01-004  
Moved by: Redpath  
Seconded by: Dixon

RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the City Council accept the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the City continue to negotiate the sale to the adjacent property owner to an end point.

Yes: All  
Nays: None  
MOTION CARRIED

- D. I-75/Long Lake properties – The parcels at this site have been eliminated from consideration as an interchange and City Council wanted a recommendation on whether these parcels have value as parkland.

Resolution #PR-2006-01-005

Moved by: Kaltsounis

Seconded by: Fejes

**RESOLVED**, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sees value in the City owned parcels associated with the I-75/Long Lake interchange and that options for these parcels should be explored for future park development or green space, and

**Be It Further Resolved** that at such time as there are options for these properties they should be returned to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for further input and recommendations.

Yes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Member Comments** – Jeff Stewart requested that anyone that has not responded to the invitation to the Boards and Committee banquet please do so as soon as possible.

Tom Krent praised the Nature Center and its staff for doing a great job with the gift shop. He requested a list of Parks and Recreation staff and a copy of park policies for each board member.

Stuart Redpath mentioned that Community Kaleidoscope will be at the Community Center on January 29, 2006. This event is a cooperative venture between the School District and the City and is an afternoon of fun for the entire family. There will be lots of activities and prizes.

Jan Zikakis asked about the length of time for swim lessons at the Aquatic Center.

### **Staff Reports**

Directors Report – Budget work has begun. It is estimated the board will see the final budget in two months.

Resolution #PR-2006-01-006

Moved by Zikakis

Seconded by Redpath

**RESOLVED**, that the February meeting is canceled unless business comes up that necessitates a meeting.

Yes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Recreation Report - Registration for Troy Sports Camp began this week.

The early bird promotion for season passes to the Aquatic Center saw 224 sales. There was an increase in sales of the employee season passes and the employee family member passes.

Parks Report – J. D. Hart, the contractor for removal of ash trees has finished with street trees and is now working on removal of ash trees in the parks.

The Sylvan Glen streambank stabilization project is underway. This project is a cooperative effort between the parks and engineering departments. It is intended to improve the golf course and the golf experience.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Tom Krent, Chairman

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Mary Williams, Recording Secretary