

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, October 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	Kathleen Fejes, member
	Gary Hauff, member	Brad Henson, member
	Tom, Krent, member	Jeff Stewart, member
	Jan Zikakis, member	Jeff Biegler, staff
	Stuart Alderman, staff	Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: Tod Gazetti, Rusty Kaltsounis, Meaghan Kovacs, and Stuart Redpath.

Visitors:

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 10 - 016

Moved by Krent

Seconded by Zikakis

RESOLVED, that the minutes from May 12, 2005 are approved as submitted.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ad Hoc Committee - Merrill Dixon and Rusty Kaltsounis have volunteered to be on a committee that will review small parcels that could be used as "pocket parks." They will review options for use and funding for maintenance then report back to the ~~City Council on their recommendations~~ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and then passed on to City Council.

B. Elections -

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 10 - 017

Moved by Dixon

Seconded by Hauff

RESOLVED, that Tom Krent is elected chairman beginning with the November meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 10 - 018

Moved by Fejes

Seconded by Krent

RESOLVED, that Jan Zikakis is elected vice-chairperson beginning with the November meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

C. Aquatic Center Admission Report - Admissions at the Aquatic Center this season were higher compared to last season. This is likely due to the warmer weather this summer. The early bird pass rates will be offered again this December to encourage pass sales.

D. Park Board Meetings/Time - There is a schedule conflict with upcoming Park Board meetings and Futures meetings. Discussion followed regarding changing the time and days of the Park Board meetings. It was agreed that November's meeting would be on Wednesday, November 9, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Future Park Board meetings that need to be changed will be discussed at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Master Plan - Surveys were sent to Troy residents and businesses for input on what they would like to see in the parks. The surveys were mailed to residents in every section of the city. When the survey results are compiled, we will have useful information on what is wanted/needed in our parks.

B. Shuffleboard/Bocce - Staff is currently developing specs for two bocce courts and two shuffleboard courts. If approved by City Council, development will begin this spring on the west side of the Community Center.

Member Comments - Tom Krent commented on how well the landscaping along the major roads and medians of Troy, designed by Ron Hynd, looked this past summer. He took pictures of the landscaping and passed them around for the Park Board to see.

Jan Zikakis asked if the Evening Primrose Club could help plant bulbs and hostas in the new Heritage Park. This gardening club will volunteer their time to beautify this park for the residents of Troy.

Staff Reports

A. Directors Report - Ash tree removal from each section of the city is done with the exception of the northwest quadrant of the city. We are replacing 800 trees this fall and 2500 in the spring, which will be 15 to 20 percent of the total trees removed. Replacement will be slower than the removal.

The Futures Committee is reviewing lifestyle trends and the activities we offer. Some things to consider in Parks and Recreation:

- Recreational activities will need to change as the community ages and we meet demands for seniors in the types of activities and programs we offer.
- The community will want to attract and keep young, single working people in the city and this department will play an important role by offering diverse cultural and outcome based activities.

B. Recreation Report - The Doggy Water Extravaganza held after the Labor Day holiday was a huge success. More than 160 dogs and their owners participated in this activity.

During the week of annual maintenance, the fitness area underwent a deep cleaning. Thirteen new treadmills were purchased to replace worn ones.

The winter bulletin will be mailed next month and winter registration will begin at the end of November.

Danielle Cooper, an 11-year-old Troy resident, won the PPK competition and will be going to the state competition at Ford Field on December 4th.

C. Parks Report - The skate park has a new half-pipe. This was purchased with the \$20,000 K-mart donation, \$14,000 raised by residents, and the balance from the department budget.

Ash tree removal is ahead of schedule. Over the past two years the contractor J. H. Hart has removed 7200 trees and staff has removed 6800 trees. There are only four sections in the northwest quadrant of the city remaining for ash tree removal.

A new 16 foot wide turf mower has been purchased to facilitate faster mowing of the larger parcels of the city.

Correspondence

The Senior Advisory Committee wrote a letter to City Council regarding bringing food to the Community Center for non-profit groups. Ms. Anderson explained that the City is contractually bound to not allow food except in the rooms where it was pre-agreed.

Resolution # PR - 2005 - 019

Moved by Dixon

Seconded by Zikakis

RESOLVED, that absent members are excused.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Kathleen Fejes, Chairwoman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary