

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 19, 2008 at the Troy Community Center. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Gary Hauff, member
Tom Krent, member
Stuart Redpath, member
Orestes Kaltsounis, member
Stuart Alderman, staff
Carol K. Anderson, staff

Jeff Stewart, member
Pauline Noce, member
Kathleen Fejes, member
Divya Subramanian, student representative
Jeff Biegler, staff

Absent: Tod Gazetti, Meaghan Kovacs, Jan Zikakis

Visitors: None

Resolution # PR-2009-02-01

Moved by Noce

Seconded by Redpath

RESOLVED, that the minutes from November 20, 2008 are approved as submitted.

Yes: All 7

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board election – Last election was in January 2007. Members present decided to wait until all members are present to conduct an election.
- B. 2009-2010 Budget Information – Staff has submitted the department budget to management for review. Submittal includes a reduction in expenditures of approximately \$970,000 from previous fiscal year. Proposed reductions include: no irrigation on street islands except DDA area; no annuals to be planted except in DDA area; reduction of part-time summer seasonal staff. Budget will be presented at next Park board meeting.
- C. Park Naming Policy Revised – Council asked that the policy be reviewed as it was confusing. A revised draft was presented to members.

Resolution # PR-2009-02-02

Moved by Fejes

Seconded by Stewart

RESOLVED, to postpone action on the Park Naming Policy until the next Park Board meeting so that all can review.

Yes: All 7

MOTION CARRIED

- D. Community Center Annual Report – Report was reviewed. Highlights included: ADA grant received for \$11,000; expenditures were slightly over budget, but more than compensated with higher revenues; member survey results; meeting room usage up 5%; and discussed 2008-09 goals.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community Fair Fund Status – Thus far, expenses have exceeded revenue by approximately \$59,000 for 2008. The Community Fair Fund (Troy Daze) is separate from Parks and Recreation. No funds allocated for Parks and Recreation are used for Troy Daze.
- B. Park Naming Section 36-Milverton – No further update at this time.
- C. Pathways Update – Council approved Hamilton Anderson and Associates partnering with Greenways Collaborative to complete the pathways master plan. It is anticipated that the process will take approximately seven months.

Member Comments:

Stu Redpath – Inquired why we do not offer Oakland County park stickers. Staff explained that no inquiries have been received in the past, but will consider in future.

Gary Hauff – Inquired about profitability of both golf courses and Troy Family Aquatic Center. Carol Anderson explained that TFAC and Sylvan Glen revenues exceeded expenses for 2007-2008; Sanctuary Lake has not met the total debt payment.

Orestes Kaltsounis – Inquired how caterer at Sanctuary Lake is doing. Carol Anderson stated that they are performing per contract with positive feedback from customers.

Pauline Noce – Inquired if there will be any rate increases at the golf courses. Carol Anderson stated there are some changes and will distribute all rates at the next meeting.

Gary Hauff – Inquired about any additional privatization of services is being considered. Carol Anderson stated that none are being considered at this time.

Tom Krent – Confusion with meeting rooms last night at Community Center (groups switching rooms). Staff will look into what occurred. Mentioned the 30 Days To Health program and his appreciation of staff's efforts for this program.

Staff Reports

Directors Report –

- There will be no fee increases at the Aquatic Center in 2009.
- Early retirement incentives were offered by the city. Ms. Anderson indicated no Parks and Recreation staff opted for the incentive.
- A special meeting will be required for budget review and recommendation. The date will be announced as soon as it is available.

Resolution #PR-2009-02-03

Moved by Fejes

Seconded by Redpath

RESOLVED, That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board next meeting should be a special meeting to discuss the 2009-2010 budget; time and date to be announced.

Yes: All – 7

MOTION CARRIED

Recreation Report –

- A staff member – Carla Vaughan – received the prestigious Leadership Award recently at the Michigan Recreation and Park Association annual conference.
- Spring brochure has been mailed to the community.
- Summer job applications are being accepted. A large turnout is expected.
- Nature Center exhibit display has been completed with the installation of the mastodon head.
- TFAC passes will go on sale in March for the summer season.
- Distributed a flyer on the “30 Days to Health” promotion that will take place in March.

Parks Report –

- Park shelter reservations began in early February. Low numbers on first day as compared to previous years, but reservations are still being made on a daily basis.
- Solar house had water damage recently as the pipes froze; major repairs are required – flooring and pipes.
- Security cameras will be installed at various department facilities in the near future – parks garage, nature center, aquatic center, and updates to the community center.
- Some other proposed budget reductions in the parks division include no tree planting; less total acreage of mowing including some “no mow zones”; fewer part-time seasonal staff; and staff will do tree injections rather than contractors, resulting in a savings to the department.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Tom Krent, Chairman

Stu Alderman, Recording Secretary