

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Troy Community Center, room 304. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Gary Hauff, member
JoAnn Thompson, member
Jeff Stewart, member
Stuart Alderman, staff
Carol K. Anderson, staff
Tod Gazetti, member
Rusty Kaltsounis, member
Tom Krent, member
Jeff Biegler, staff

Absent: Kathleen Fejes, Meaghan Kovacs, Stuart Redpath, Janice Zikakis, Divya Subramanian

Visitors: Ron Chick, Susan Chick

Resolution # PR - 2010 - 02 - 001
Moved by Kaltsounis
Seconded by Thompson

RESOLVED, that the minutes from September 17, 2009 are approved as submitted.

Yes: All
No: None
MOTION CARRIED

New Business

A. Public Hearing – The Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Tom Krent. Anderson indicated two additional names were submitted today. One is Temprence and the other is Columbus or Columbia.

Mr. Chick asked “does there have to be a reason before a name can be considered? I thought there were rules as far as a naming process.”

Anderson responded “the process is being followed.

- 1) Names were submitted.
- 2) The 60 day comment period has ended.
- 3) A public hearing is being held.
- 4) The Park Board will consider names and make a recommendation to City Council.

Names will be evaluated and a recommendation made based on the policy criteria.”

No other comments were made.

The Public hearing was closed.

Old Business

A. Park Name Process - We are now in the 30 day (as of February 5) period in which people can submit written or verbal comment.

Tom Krent inquired if this land was originally an orchard? Mr. Biegler replied that there were fruit trees planted but it was not an operating orchard and there is a small grove of apple trees still remaining. An effort has been made to save the apple trees.

Gary Hauff asked about the historical background of that land? Carol Anderson replied that staff would do a historical perspective on the property for the Park Board members

and email the information. Anderson indicated a review and recommendation could take place at the March meeting.

B. Trails Masterplan – It is in the City Managers Office and is being reviewed by other departments as well.

C. Golf Course Privatization Update – Five bids were received and three companies have been interviewed.

Member Comments: Mr. Krent inquired about an election for a new chairperson. No action was taken so the chair and vice chair will remain as is.

Staff Reports

A. **Directors Report** – The meeting in December did not have a quorum. The park naming process was reviewed and then Park Board members met with the Trails Committee for a presentation by the consultant.

A reminder that there is an election on Tuesday, February 23 for a millage in the City. Be sure to vote.

B. **Recreation Report** – Summer employment applications are being accepted at this time.

There were 37 Aquatic Center Early Bird pass sales from mid-December through the first week of January. We did not do early bird passes last year. There were 74 passes sold for the 2008 season.

The Senior Expo is March 16 and the Senior Newsletter will now be called 50 Forward. Also, the name was changed to attract younger seniors participating in programs.

Carol Anderson won the Fellowship Award from the MRPA. It is the highest award the Association gives out every year.

There are also two Community Service Award winners from Troy. One is for the Nature Center volunteers and the other is for the Senior computer programming group.

C. **Parks Report** – The fencing of backstops of both ball diamonds at Jaycee Park is complete.

Crews are working on painting the inside of park restrooms and refurbishing picnic tables. A contract for snow removal and ice control at the Fire stations was outsourced to Advanced Landscape Products.

Last summer the City stopped irrigating all street islands except Big Beaver, City Hall and athletic fields. The City saved \$78,000 in water costs by not irrigating all medians.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Tom Krent, Chairman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary