

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, March 18, 2010 at the Troy Community Center, room 301. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Rusty Kaltsounis, member  
Janice Zikakis, member  
Kathleen Fejes, member  
Stuart Redpath, member  
Stuart Alderman, staff  
Tom Krent, member  
Divya Subramanian, student rep.  
Meaghan Kovacs, member  
Jeff Biegler, staff  
Carol K. Anderson, staff

Absent: JoAnn Thompson, Gary Hauff, Tod Gazetti, and Jeff Stewart.

**Staff Reports**

- A. Directors Report – With the failure of the millage last month there will be changes to the operation of this department. All changes are not yet known but staff will provide information as changes are made.
- B. Recreation Report – Staff is brainstorming ways to increase revenue. Some ideas that are being considered are; alcohol in banquet rooms, advertising, and sponsorships.

The department has a Facebook page now with “Our Commitment To You” explaining that we will continue a program that we start or advertise.

Staff had training for marketing of an e-Newsletter. This service will send emails to our patrons with updates on programs we are offering. It is a free service provided by Oakland County and will be called “E-News Update.” Look for it soon.

- C. Parks Report – Budget cuts will affect the parks division with decreases in the number of summer laborers and the number of hours they will work. No park staff after 6 pm on weekdays and 8 pm on weekends.

A recommendation was sent to City Council to cancel Troy Daze due to the amount of staff time involved and anticipated budget cuts.

Resolution # PR - 2010 - 03 - 02

Moved by Kaltsounis

Seconded by Zikakis

RESOLVED, that the minutes from February 18, 2010 are approved as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

**New Business**

- A. Aquatic Center Report – Although weather affected attendance and lessons, staff hours were also reduced. More daily passes were sold due to uncertain economy and unpredictable weather.

New brochure this year has all the general information and inserts have the fees and other detailed information so changes can easily be made.

**Old Business**

- A. Park Naming – The board discussed submitted and other names for the park in Section 36 with a consensus that the name needed to be short, concise and identifiable to that area. Among potential names, Milverton Park was discussed. The reasons Milverton was considered include:
  - 1. The area has been referred to as Milverton Park for some time.
  - 2. Milverton Street is easily identified on a map making it easy to find for visitors.
  - 3. A resident who lived on Milverton (Jacques Nixon) initiated the process in retaining the property as parkland.

Resolution # PR 2010-03-03

Moved by: Kaltsounis

Seconded by: Zikakis

RESOLVED, That Section 36 park should be named Milverton Park.

Yes: 4 (Kaltsounis, Zikakis, Redpath, Kovacs)

No: 2 (Krent, Fejes)

MOTION CARRIED

Director’s Report continued – At this time the budget is not complete but staff will call a meeting in April for recommendation by this board. It may be the regular meeting date.

**Member Comments** - Meaghan Kovacs mentioned that her neighbors don’t like that T-ball for the five-year-olds is two nights per week. Mr. Alderman responded that we are doing surveys of the parents that will give us more detailed information. In addition, there have been parents who’ve contacted staff that prefer two nights per week.

Ms. Kovacs inquired why Safety Town is offered all day for one week. Mr. Alderman replied that it was reduced to one week so that the children could participate in other activities. Feedback in the past has been that parents prefer one week sessions all day rather than two weeks.

Mr. Kaltsounis said he met a fisherman at Firefighters Park that caught an 18” fish and had caught one larger just shortly before that. The fisherman liked the wildflowers that are growing there and has seen photographers taking pictures of the flowers. The man commented that it’s a beautiful park and he likes the fishing there.

Ms. Zikakis asked if flowers would be planted this year. Mr. Biegler responded there wouldn’t be any except on Big Beaver and the DDA. Ms. Zikakis asked if he had ever thought of asking the two garden clubs and Mr. Biegler said he will investigate the possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Tom Krent, Chairman

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Mary Williams, Recording Secretary