

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, September 20, 2007 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Gary Hauff, member	Kathleen Fejes, member
	Tod Gazetti, member	Divya Subramanian, student representative
	Rusty Kaltsounis, member	Tom Krent, member
	Jeff Stewart, member	Jan Zikakis, member
	Carol K. Anderson, staff	

Absent: Pauline Noce, Meaghan Kovacs, Stuart Redpath

Resolution # PR - 2007 - 09 - 012

Moved by Zikakis

Seconded by Stewart

RESOLVED, that the minutes from April 19, 2007 are approved as submitted.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Student Representative – Divya Subramanian is the new student representative. She has been involved with many recreational programs as a child and is looking forward to the upcoming year. We welcome her input and comments.
- B. River Day Project – Jennifer Lawson, environmental engineer for the City, spearheaded the River Day Project to stabilize the creek/river that is just north of the Community Center. Debris was cleaned from the banks and new plantings were installed, thereby stabilizing the river. More improvements such as an enhanced garden and a picnic shelter are planned for that site.
- C. Community Center Art Projects – Art work has been added to the Community Center during the summer months. There are wall hangings in the game room, corridors and at the Control Desk. Also, a wall mural was painted in the pool area.
- D. Schroeder Park Improvements – Earlier this year a petition for general maintenance of Schroeder Park was received from the surrounding neighbors. A letter and questionnaire was sent to the residents surrounding the park asking for their input for park improvements. Approximately 2/3 of the respondents want the park to be kept up but they don't want the look or feel of the park to be changed. Dead trees will be removed and general maintenance will be done to the park.
- E. Solar House – Lawrence Technological University students have constructed an 800 square foot solar home as part of an international competition. With funding and grants spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce, the City will be the recipient of the house. It will be placed on the Community Center site and DTE will monitor its energy use for two years. This solar house will raise awareness for building with green materials and incorporating sustainable, energy saving products to reduce consumption. It will be used for programs and meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Streambank Project Golf Course – The streambank stabilization project is completed at Sylvan Glen Golf Course.
- B. Troy Racquet Club – The City has enjoyed a 30 year partnership with the Troy Racquet Club. Mr. Pierce will be presented with a proclamation at the October 1st City Council meeting.
- C. Trails and Pathways Committee – This group of people have joined together to develop a City wide pathway plan to connect Troy with other cities and the county pathways. They have come up with a list of long and short term goals that they have begun working on.
- D. Proposed Ordinance Change – A proposal was brought before City Council to change the Ordinance for cell towers. Discussion followed whereby Tom Krent discussed the proposal change and how it would affect the City. His recommendation was to “plan” for these cell towers first. After much discussion the Park Board decided to discuss this at the October meeting so that everyone can do their own research. Carol Anderson will draft a memo to City Council requesting they allow time for the Park Board to make a recommendation.

Land Bank or Park Development – Carol Anderson requested input from the board regarding prioritizing land banking vs. park development. The general consensus was to take these land opportunities as they become available.

Staff Reports

- A. Directors Report –There was an aggressive marketing plan for Sanctuary Lake Golf Course done this year however, it did not result in significant increases in revenue. There are more leagues, but the entire golf industry is down 2% nationwide.

Beaumont Hospital/Flynn Park – Employees of Troy Beaumont Hospital use the driveway in Flynn Park to access the employee parking. Solar lights will be put in the entrance sign to Flynn Park so it is lighted at night for their employees.

Meaghan Kovacs – has difficulty making the meetings with three small children at home. She requested a six-month reprieve from the meetings.

Resolution #PR-2007-09-13

Moved by Gazetti

Seconded by Hauff

RESOLVED, That a motion to excuse Meaghan Kovacs from the Park Board meetings for six months is approved.

Yes: All
 No None

MOTION CARRIED

- B. The October meeting will be held at the Nature Center.

Correspondence

- A. Senior Advisory Board Letter – A letter requesting additional handicap parking spaces was received from the Advisory Committee For Senior Citizens. A study was done to measure the need for these parking spaces and none was found.

Member Comments

Rusty Kaltsounis was in Greece for 45 days and noticed the scheduling for activities by the County Recreation system. He brought a program of the activities and pictures from his visit of the surrounding cities on the sea. He suggested that Troy have a Farmers Market or a Flea Market for their residents.

Tom Krent mentioned that he had stopped at Sanctuary Lake Golf Course one day recently for lunch and it took 45 minutes to receive his food order. The food was excellent however, the amount of time it took was too lengthy.

Resolution #PR-2007-09-14

Moved by Fejes

Seconded by Zikakis

RESOLVED, That absent members are excused.

Yes: All

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Tom Krent, Chairman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary