

## Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

### PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Troy Community Center, in room 303. Chairman, Steve Toth called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Jeff Stewart, Orestes Kaltsounis, Steve Toth, Jan Zikakis, Tim McGee, David Bluhm, Student Representative, Laurie Huber (6:50pm).

Staff: Elaine Bo, Kurt Bovensiep

Absent: Gary Hauff

Visitors: Chris Toth, Rosemarie Kornacki

Resolution # PR – 2015-02-001

Moved by Tim McGee

Seconded by Rusty Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, that minutes from November 20, 2014 are approved.

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

#### I. New Business

A. Election of a New Board Member – Julia Baker. She has not been sworn in but was invited to the meeting to observe.

#### II. Old Business

A. Dog Park – Dog Park forum was held on January 19, 2015 with over 50 participants at the meeting. The biggest challenge to this project is the 80/20 fundraising pitch. Steve Toth is looking to secure the large donor for this project.

Kurt pointed out that in conjunction with the dog park, we are also working to get the SEMCOG on board for the construction of the 11 mile trail to the Clinton River from the park area. A report that Friends of Clinton River Trail met with Auburn Hills and is excited about a collaboration. The next step is to meet with Rochester Hills to get them on board. Letter of support is need in addition to meeting the scoring requirements for SEMCOG.

B. Dog Park Update - Rosemarie Kornacki, invited guest, has had experience in developing other parks of this nature and currently fundraises for the Troy Historic Village.

Import to note:

- Safety of the participants and dogs
- Membership costs

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- Donation motivation
- Volunteers
- Amenities for the park, like vending machines with Tennis Balls
- Location is known
- Naming rights can be obtained for 60% of the donation of \$327,000
- What is the Tax code? Is it Tax Deductible?

Board Member McGee was concerned about donor burnout with other major city project in the works. Kurt stated that some of the projects already have the funding secured.

A list of Vets/Pet stores have been compiled and will be solicited for donations. Board Member McGee also suggested that we reach out to folks outside of our normal givers. We should be able to reach the 3000-5000 dog owners in the city.

Ground breaking is actually slated for summer 2015 as part of the City's 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

### III. Members Comments

- A. Tim McGee mentioned that he was glad to see the fencing coming down at Slyvan Glen. But is it being replaced with another type of barrier. Kurt responded not at this time.
- B. Jan Zikakis stated the snow was not removed at Big Beaver and Rochester and she was told someone had fallen. Kurt will look into this intersection and have it cleared. Jan also was so pleased with the expedient snow removal.
- C. Steve Toth asked staff to stay back to discuss assignments for the Dog Park.

### IV. Staff Reports

#### A. Recreation Report

1. Elaine Bo provided the board and visitors with copies of the February calendar.
2. There is an increase in Pickle ball players.
3. The Recreation Dept. is doing an Adopt a Spot flower planting around the Troy Community Center.
4. Several events for the Dog Park are underway. Please support and promote.

#### B. Parks Report

1. Kurt Bovensiepe reported CDBG funding for Troy Historic Village
2. Updated in the Basketball courts at 14 Mile and Stephenson Hwy.
3. April Meeting is to recommend the Budget to City Council. The budget did increase.

#### C. Public Input

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Steve Toth, Chairman