

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Troy Community Center, room 503.

Steve Toth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Steve Toth, Gary Hauff, Jeff Stewart, Janice Zikakis, Orestes (Rusty) Kaltsounis, Julia (Judy) Baker, Tim McGee, Brian Goul, and Kurt Bovensiep.

Absent: Laurie Huber, Elaine Bo, Elizabeth Slifkin

Visitors: There were no visitors.

Resolution # PR - 2015 - 09 - 001

Moved by Tim McGee

Seconded by Judy Baker

RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 24, 2015 are approved as submitted.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

I. New Business

A. Election of Officers –

- Motion to appoint Steve Toth as Chairperson.
- Unanimously approved.
- Motion to appoint Jeff Stewart as Vice Chairperson.
- Unanimously approved.

B. Archery –

- Kurt Bovensiep discussed allowing archery in City Parks.
  - Rising Phoenix Archery has seen an increase in membership and approached Kurt regarding having an outdoor club at one of the parks.
  - The City Manager could allow it under Chapter 26 of the City Code and Charter.
  - The land would be leased to Rising Phoenix, but we would have to open it up to a bid.
  - Concerns discussed within the Park Board consisted of closing the area, if it is opened to bid would it open other organizations such as paintball and target gun ranges, would having an archery club make the parks unsafe.
  - Gary Hauff made a motion that the Board does not support outdoor archery in the parks. Janice Zikakis seconded and it was unanimously approved.

C. 2016 Dates of the Park Board

- Discussion of proposed dates for 2016 being; February 18, April 28, September 8, and November 3. These dates follow timing of City Budget, Troy Daze and availability in November.
- Steve Toth asked if moving the dates would give staff time to prepare seasonal reports and Brian confirmed staff would have reports ready.
- Motion to approve 2016 dates was moved and unanimously approved.

II. Old Business

A. Trails and Pathways –

- Kurt Bovensiepe gave a report on the special study session held November 9<sup>th</sup>. In August the city applied for a Tap Grant for 500,000. The grant was not awarded due to opposition from Troy residents building a trail through Firefighters Park. During the forum in October the majority of residents wanted the trails to run along the major road route. The City will apply for another 1.5 million Tap Grant on November 23, 2015. City management wants to combine the Federal money and combine the approved .5 million per year for three years to one lump sum to build the trails all at once.
- There will be pavement markings and the construction should take approximately one year.

B. Dog Park -

- On November 23, 2015 City Council will be presented with a Planned Unit Development Agreement with Stonecrest.
- Stonecrest will be paying for the installation of utilities for the Dog Park.
- Stonecrest will be giving the City \$50,000 for future park development.
- There was discussion that the residents living adjacent to the Dog Park are in favor of the construction of it.
- The process of development of the Dog Park is: Step 1 Funding, Step 2 Naming, and Step 3 get funding for the Benches in the park.
- Steve Toth discussed looking at other communities with Dog Parks to get guidance and experience of having a Dog Park

C. Kayaking on Sylvan Glen Lake –

- Fire Chief, Dave Roberts is not opposed to allowing kayaking on the lake. Currently the city is not equipped to respond to emergencies on the lake.
- The fire department will be asking for the cost of purchasing the equipment be included in the Capital Budget. The decision would be up to City Council.

D. Badminton -

- Brian Goul explained that there was a resolution to badminton members by extending the hours in the gym. Brian also mentioned that there has not been any attendance in a couple of the extended time slots.
- Steve Toth requested that the Board get notification of resolutions when items are brought before the Board.

E. Member Comments –

- Gary Hauff mentioned the use of Drones in City Parks, and questioned if other communities are allowing them. He also explained that they could

be allowed at the schools. Gary stated there should be signs stating the restrictions to the flying of Drones.

- Kurt Bovensiep explained that per Chapter 26 of the City Code and Charter the City Manager could make changes to the rules. Currently flying objects are not allowed. If it happens the Police Department is called.
- Janice Zikakis mentioned that she did not receive email with Agenda attachment. Shannon Louwaert stated she would send out a test email to verify everyone's email addresses.
- Janice asked about the upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance

### III. Staff Reports

#### A. Brian Goul -

- The GetActive Expo will be held on November 21, 2015 from 10 am – 1 pm.
- There will be a new Personal Training membership offered. There will also be free assessments offered to new members by the personal trainer.
- There will be a Black Friday Aqua camp as well as Aqua camps when children are off during the holiday break
- The Community Center holiday schedule is available in the Troy Today as well as the cities website.

#### B. Kurt Bovensiep

- The City of Troy Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony will be December 2, 2015.

#### C. Shannon Louwaert

- In following the directive of City Manager and City Council, staff has taken additional initiatives to provide training in customer service. A manual is being developed and currently a customer service survey is being given to anyone that registers. Anyone that returns a survey is receiving a free guest pass for the fitness room.

Jeff Stewart made a motion to adjourn.

Judy Baker seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.



Steve Toth, Chairperson



Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary