

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 18, 2016 at the Troy Community Center, room 304.

Steve Toth called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Steve Toth, Jeff Stewart, Laurie Huber, Julia (Judy) Baker, Tim McGee, Elaine Bo, Brian Goul, and Kurt Bovensiep.

Absent: Gary Hauff, Rusty Kaltsounis, Janice Zikakis.

Visitors: Lori Bluhm, Caleigh Bovensiep, and Ashely Levin.

Resolution # PR - 201 - 02 - 001

Moved by Tim McGee

Seconded by Jeff Stewart

RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 19, 2015 are approved as submitted.

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

I. New Business

• Park Naming Ordinance –

- Kurt informed the board that the last update on the Park Naming Policy excluded naming a park after an individual making a significant contribution. Last amendment was 2009 on the naming policy.
- Policy being looked at for the naming of the Dog Park. Policy is currently vague.
- Lori Bluhm explained the updates on the Park Naming Policy:
 - Remove the naming as deceased person only and replace with person or family not deceased making significant contribution, or group or organization in the criteria for naming not only Park but other amenities.
 - Previously contribution was 60% monetary. Now can be satisfied monetarily or significant binding commitment.
 - Park Board would have opportunity to hear proposal of the naming due to the contribution.
 - The City Manager would announce to the public that there is a need to name a park.
 - Park Board to hold a hearing.
 - Park Board to make recommendation to City Council
 - City Council would have the final decision on the naming of the park.
 - Add a policy so that the Board may recommend a sponsorship or donation program to assist in the funding of the development of the park or public amenities. Recommendation forwarded to the Troy City

Council for final approval. Once approved the City Manager can allow for the naming of the amenities in accordance with the approved policy.

- Steve Toth questioned Rochester and Big Beaver being a City Park.
- All developed parks in the Master Plan classified as Parks are named.
- The Dog Park is 9 acres within the 17 acre park. The question is whether or not the contribution to the Dog Park Section qualifies as 60% of the entire park.
- The amended naming policy offers flexibility to the naming of the Dog Park and future development of parks.
- Laurie Huber asked for clarification on the naming of an amenity in regards to them being a citizen in good standing for the name to remain.

MOTION to recommend approval of amended policy to be presented to Troy City Council

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Lori Bluhm would like to come back to discuss open meeting act at another time, as well as after public meeting.
- Facility Special Usage Policy-
 - Elaine Bo discussed in 2013 Carol Anderson tried to create more revenue for recreation.
 - Looking at getting approval of allowing flat rate to lease the property at \$1000
 - Policy also looks at reducing fees by sponsoring events.
 - Policy also looks at charging fees for additional services.
 - Board has previously approved the policy but has been stopped at Troy City Council.
 - Steve Toth recommended postponing and looking into the Special Use Policy more and discussing at the next meeting.
 - Elaine Bo explained we have a Special Use Policy in place those groups such as American Cancer Society uses. The fee is \$35 and the process requires several processes. The new policy would streamline the process, make it easier for groups and allow for an increase in fees.

II. Old Business

- Trails and Pathways –
 - Kurt Bovensiep gave a report that MDOT Transportation Route was declined because it was deemed more of a sidewalk replacement. We are back to the drawing board.
 - Currently looking at doing a small stretch of pathway from Civic Center through the Dog Park, behind Zion Church and ending at Wattles.
- Dog Park -
 - Crowd Funding at \$20,000 in contributions.
 - As soon as the Park is name we can do more publications to get more funding.

- Kayaking on Sylvan Glen Lake –
 - We currently do not have the funds in the Capital Budget to purchase equipment for the fire department. The cost would be \$30,000 for a rescue vehicle.
 - The budget will be looked at again in one year.

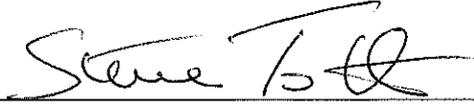
- Member Comments –
 - No member comments

III. Staff Reports

- Elaine Bo -
 - First Finding Our Focus was tonight. These open forums to find out how we are doing in marketing our programs, and hearing how the public feels about our programs, building and offerings. We have another forum on March 3rd and then March 29th.
 - In the current Troy Today, the recreation sections are listed in the front of the book.
 - This summer the Recreation Department will have our own issue of Troy Today mailed out. We are paying for our own issue. We currently pay a portion of the costs, and there will not be any additional costs to have a separate issue. There will still be a City issue sent out.
 - We would like to hire a marketer. We currently have Alyssa Firth. Alyssa works half-time with Recreation and the other half with the library. Alyssa is designing the new Recreation division newsletter, and has designed the Sports Camp Brochure.
- Brian Goul-
 - The Troy Family Aquatic Center rates have gone up 20%. The daily fees are going up as well.
 - Bids are up for the pumps and the slides. These are emergency repairs that have to be done in order to open.
 - The Community Center has to have the banquet wall replaced as well as the HVAC unit in the pool. This will require a lengthy shutdown. This could be a three to four week shutdown. We will offer patrons to go to the Troy Family Aquatic Center.
- Kurt Bovensiep-
 - The Soccer Dome has stalled completely.
 - Children's Hospital has approached the city to lease the land for the landing of helicopters.
 - Total Sport's interests in developing undeveloped land are dwindling.
- Shannon Louwaert-
 - The staff is working at improving customer service. Has started putting positive quotes on all the doors.
 - Our customer service survey results were positive. The new survey will require patrons to answer what they do or don't like about our service.
 - Due to the minimum wage increases we are requiring to raise prices on various services.

Jeff Stewart made a motion to adjourn.
Judy Baker seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 28th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.



Steve Toth, Chairperson



Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary