

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Troy Community Center, in room 303. Chairwoman, called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Jeff Stewart, Gary Hauff, Orestes Kaltsounis, Steve Toth, Carolyn Noble,

Staff: Elaine Bo, Brian Goul, Kurt Bovensiep

Absent: Janice Zikakis, Laurie Huber

Visitors: Maggie Hughes, Kelly Molinar, Marcus Vanderpool, Jim Werpetinski

Resolution # PR - 2014 – 11 – 005

Moved by Orestes Kaltsounis

Seconded by Jeff Stewart

RESOLVED, that minutes from September 18, 2014 are approved.

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

I. New Business

A. Introduction of Tim McGee appointed as new Park Board Member.

B. Holiday Decorations and Lighting update – City will continue with current holiday décor with a holiday scene placed at City Hall. Discussion concerning allowing groups/individuals to decorate trees in the middle of the boulevard. A suggestion concerning whether the tree or the light poles should be decorated with proceeds to benefit a charity. In order to fully facilitate this type of event, the board would need to determine costs and then the breakeven point on this project.

C. Dog Park – Kurt Bovensiep presented the conceptual design to the board, costs, and timeframe to the board. He suggested that the board create a sub-committee and elect an executive chair that will be responsible for the project.

This project will be presented to City Council stipulating that there will be an 80/20 split of costs with 80% of funding coming from outside sources. In addition to this project it has been determined that the presentation will include the Trails and Pathways presentation as these items are both highly desired by the citizens of Troy. The dog park will be built in phases and will require at least \$250,000 in start-up funds.

Per the concept that was presented, there are several options for the park's design.

A website has been designed for dog park information, crowdfunding is being designed and established, and levels of giving should be discussed.

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Carolyn Noble nominated Steve Toth as chairperson of the Dog Park committee. Gary Hauff seconded the motion. Steve Toth accepted the nomination. The board voted and the unanimously and the motion carried.

A public announcement will be issued on Monday, November 24, 2014.

Steve Toth asked David Blumh to participate and help tie the Dog Park campaign to the City's 60th birthday celebration.

D. Trails and Pathways Update – In conjunction with the information regarding the Dog Park, Kurt Bovensiep presented the Trails and Pathways design that is an integral part of the City Council's requirement for the approval of the Dog Park. This project will cost roughly \$2.9 million to complete the trail and pathways project.

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A motion was raised to support the Trails and Pathways project in conjunction with the Dog park.

Moved by Steve Toth

Seconded by Tim McGee

RESOLVED, that the Board would support the Trails and Pathway project.

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The motion passed.

II. Old Business

Troy Family Daze – Will still be hosted by the North Woodward Community Foundation but is still in negotiations with the City on the details of the event. The City proposes using the property and area near the Troy Family Aquatic Center, closing the throughway of Civic Center and Town Center Drives. This event is scheduled to be held the weekend after Labor day.

There will be shuttle parking. A suggestion was made that someone from the Parks and Recreation Board should sit on a committee for this event. Board member Kaltsounis feels that the event should be community and/or the NWCF should be leasing or renting the space.

III. Members Comments

- A. Tim McGee mentioned that his information was not correct on the Board listing. Information will be corrected for the subsequent meetings.
- B. Carolyn Noble said that she is excited about the dog park and will help in any way that she can to get the word out and support the growth of the facility.

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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 December calendar. She mentioned the all of the Holiday and End of the Year events including the Hollydays rate to increase usage during the holiday season.
2. The Aquatic Department is providing a free tote bag and two guest passes as a promotion to encourage TFAC pass purchases. Tote bags were provided by DMC Children's hospital as a partnership with TFAC.

B. Parks Report

1. Kurt Bovensiep reported on the Community Development Block Grant that can be used for Milverton park. Funds can be used to enhance the park and make it more ADA compliant.

C. Public Input

Jim Werpetski is excited about the plans for the Dog Park and looks forward to helping advance the committee's efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Carolyn Noble, Chairwoman

MiVida M. Burrus, Recording Secretary