

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – Final

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Troy Community Center, in room 202. Chairwoman, Janice Zikakis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff: Elaine Bo, Brian Goul, Kurt Bovensiepe

Absent: Meghan Kovacs, Laurie Huber

Visitors: Andrew Opalewski, Marcus Vanderpool

Resolution # PR - 2014 - 09 – 003

Moved by Steve Toth

Seconded by Jeff Stewart

RESOLVED, that minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 are approved.

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

I. New Business

A. Introduction of MiVida Burrus, hired July 14, 2014. Responsible for handling communications and will serve as the information point person.

B. Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommendation for Council: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that was presented and approved over 1 year ago be submitted to City Council with minor revisions as presented by staff.

Resolution # PR 2014 - 09 – 004

Moved by Orestes Kaltsounis

Seconded by Gary Hauff

RESOLVED, Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be submitted to City Council with minor revisions by the staff.

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

C. Holiday Decorations surrounding Holidays in November and December: The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends that a sub-committee be created utilizing interested board members and/or any individuals that would like to participate in choosing the Holiday décor. An email will be sent to board members to seek sub-committee members early the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. There will be non-denominational décor: Happy Holiday's or Season's Greetings, no specific denomination will be featured. The

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Resolution # PR 2014 - 09 – 004

Moved by Gary Hauff

Seconded by Orestes Kaltsounis

RESOLVED, Board recommends creating the sub-committee with Board members plus additional individuals to form the sub-committee.

Yes: 6

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### II. Old Business

- A. Election of Officers: There are two seats up for election as of September 30, 2014. Janice Zikakis and Meaghan Kovacs. Janice Zikakis relinquished her seat as Chair and reports that she has submitted paperwork for the 2014-16 term. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair was discussed at this meeting. Carolyn Noble was nominated for Chair and Steve Toth was nominated as Vice Chair.

Gary Hauff nominated and motioned Carolyn Noble as Chair, Jeff Stewart seconded Steve Toth accepted the nomination as Vice Chair, Carolyn Noble motioned and Jeff Stewart seconded.

### III. Members Comments

- A. Janice Zikakis said that the landscaping and grounds of Troy looks great. She compared the landscaping to other surrounding cities and feels that it is impeccable.
- B. Janice Zikakis mentioned the write up in the paper about Kurt Bovensiep's management of City park maintenance in a local paper.
- C. Gary Hauff mentioned the City of Troy looks great; roads are good; parks are clean and staff deserves a compliment on their work.
- D. Kurt Bovensiep reported that Council increased an approved budget to care for the parks and the City received funds to improve the roads which will help to improve the look and appearance of the city overall.
- E. Steve Toth reported that he has received complaints about the condition of the fields at the schools (baseball/soccer, etc.) and wanted to know if the City was responsible for maintenance and care of these areas. Kurt Bovensiep reported that as of 2009 the schools are responsible for maintenance of the school fields.
- F. Steve Toth asked if Troy Daze would now be held on City property. Kurt Bovensiep stated, the council discussed available city property for this event. A study session was held and is available on the City's website for review. Currently the City of Troy is in negotiation with the North Woodward Foundation to secure a contract to hold the event on city property. Discussion was held surrounding community involvement and incorporating more city/community involvement.

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- G. Steve Toth reported the Kiwanis club is doing the tree lighting again this year. Look for more information via flyers and the club is looking for more sponsors.
- H. Kurt Bovensiep mentioned the Move Across Troy symposium on October 1, 2014.

### IV. Staff Reports

#### A. Recreation Report

1. Elaine Bo mentioned new themes for Fall. Birthday parties have been re-vamped, again hosting Daddy-Daughter Swim, and the Day of Play free to the community. Elaine will E-blast the activities to keep board updated.
2. Elaine discussed the licensed pre-school program. The program runs from September to May each year for ages 3-5.
3. Brian Goul discussed the maintenance and painting of the entire Community Center. The maintenance of the entire CC with the new equipment was a \$150,000 investment. The Gym Floor was stripped to the wood and re-varnished; the pool was resurfaced; the doggie swim saw an increase in participation this year; and the Aquatic center has seen an increase in season pass sales. The Troy Family Aquatic Center was completely shut down today.
4. Kurt Bovensiep mentioned bid went out today for resurfacing of the North and West parking lot at the community center. North and South entrances were redone during the maintenance of the community center.
5. Jeff Stewart reported that the building looks terrific great and the summer staff was excellent.

#### B. Parks Report

1. Kurt Bovensiep reported on the tree update. Leveraging MDOT funds for trees along Big Beaver. Populate 1-75 East to Livernois to Dequindre in the upward cost of \$20,000. Using Osage Orange and Ginkgo trees in these areas.

#### C. Public Input.

1. Dog Park: using the property adjacent to Zion Christian Church. Looking for ways to fund the City's portion of the Dog park. Andrew Opalewski and Marcus Vanderpool suggest crowdfunding as an option of funding. The City will support 20% of the project and 80% is needed. Trying to tie the dog park into the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration/events. City Manager likes the idea of connecting the opening of the dog park to the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Funds need to be secured. Looking to secure sponsorships and funding from other sources. Opportunity to make either a small park or a large with specific areas and bath rooms. Kurt Bovensiep will send an email to the board to see who would like to be on the dog park sub-committee. Steve Toth will chair the planning sub-committee and Janice Zikakis will participate as well. Planning should happen soon for the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 City wide birthday celebration would be a perfect time for a groundbreaking event. Information can be included in the February 2015 edition of the Troy Today.
  - a. Crowdfunding – gaining small donations to fund a project, possibility for matching funds
  - b. Bricks – named bricks

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- c. Tiered donations
- d. Paying for dog tags in support of donations
- e. Asking local businesses to support
- f. Contacting dog food companies/large businesses for sponsorships

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Janice Zikakis, Chairwoman

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MiVida M. Burrus, Recording Secretary