PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, January 17, 2008 at the Troy Community Center, room 503. Chairman, Tom Krent called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present:
Kathy Fejes, member
Rusty Kaltsounis, member
Stu Redpath, member
Tom Krent, member
Jeff Biegler, staff
Gary Hauff, member
Divya Subramanian, student representative
Pauline Noce, member
Stu Alderman, staff
Carol Anderson, staff

Absent: Tod Gazetti, Meaghan Kovacs, Jeff Stewart, Janice Zikakis.

Visitors:

Resolution # PR - 2008 - 01 - 001
Moved by Redpath
Seconded by Hauff

RESOLVED, that absent members are excused.

Yes: All
No's: None
MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #PR – 2008 – 01 – 002
Moved by: Kaltsounis
Seconded by: Fejes

RESOLVED, that the minutes from November 1, 2007 are approved as submitted.

Yes: All
No's: None
MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nature Center Strategic Plan – In addition to the great programs that already existed at the Nature Center, over the past year there have been new programs added such as birthday parties, a children's play area, animal exhibit, student art exhibit and a climbing boulder. Staff is working to develop a strategic plan for Nature Center operations present and future.

B. Re-Greening of Troy – A new program was developed for people to purchase a tree and have it planted in one of the parks. Sometimes individuals or corporations want to sponsor a tree or a group of trees. This will facilitate those requests. The trees will be planted where they are needed most.

C. League Policy for Non-Resident Adults – Demographics have changed for the adult sports leagues. This proposed policy increases the number of non-residents allowed and will keep teams from leaving or dissolving. Residents will continue to be served with this proposal.

Resolution # PR – 2008 – 001 – 003
Moved by: Kaltsounis
Seconded by: Redpath

RESOLVED, that the proposed non-resident policy for adult athletic leagues be approved.

Yes: All
No's: None
MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Section 22 Property – City staff have inquired about the property for sale on Livernois in Section 22 but the owners have not responded.

B. Golf Course Operations – Staff met with the Liquor Advisory Board in December. The Liquor Advisory Board passed a motion recommending City Council allow a beverage cart on the golf courses. Council has directed staff to pursue this with the contractors.

C. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Wireless Communication Towers – Council made an amendment to this Ordinance but wireless towers are still not allowed in the parks.

D. Civic Center Projects (CCPTF) – Progress is being made on the green space area at the corner of Livernois and Town Center Dr. The area has been cleared and will be planted with additional plantings and designated an enhanced gardens area. The plan is to install a small picnic shelter, restroom building and a series of pathways.

Member Comments – Stu Redpath inquired about the picnic shelter at Boulan Park that was in need of repair. Mr. Biegler explained that it was demolished and a new shelter ~~has been~~ **will be** built.

Staff Reports

A. Director's Report – The Kwit property on Rochester Rd. now belongs to the City. The buildings will be taken down in the near future.

- The Kensington property has been approved by City Council for purchase but has not closed yet.
- Access to Recreation Grant was awarded to the Community Center in the amount of $11,000.00 and the City is going to contribute $4,000.00. The money will be used to purchase a new scooter, fitness equipment, and handles on doors.
- Park Board members are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet next month.

B. Recreation Report – Staff is preparing for summer by hiring staff for TFAC. We had an early bird special on passes to TFAC. There were 60 passes sold.

- Fees for daily passes to the Community Center have gone down this year. We are looking to increase the number of daily visitors to the Community Center.
- Our first ever Mom2Mom sale is this Saturday. It is sold out with a number of people on the wait list.
- The Mother and Son Pool Party is this Saturday.
- Community Kaleidoscope is Sunday, January 27 from 12 – 4 at the Community Center. There will be games and swimming for free just to mention a few.

C. Parks Report – We were not awarded the grant from the Kellogg Foundation for a boundless playground.

- Solar House is still not yet complete, but it is anticipated that completion will be this spring.

Resolution # PR-2008-01-04
Moved by Fejes
Seconded by Noce

RESOLVED, that the February meeting is canceled.

Yes: All
No's: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Tom Krent, Chairman

Mary Williams, Recording Secretary

City of Troy

MEMO

January 15, 2008

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Carol K. Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director
Stuart J. Alderman, Superintendent of Recreation

SUBJECT: Amend non-resident policy for Troy Parks and Recreation adult leagues

Background:

- Currently the policy allows an adult athletic team to have no more than 33% of roster to have non-residents.
- The number of teams has declined, divisions have been eliminated and as a negative result, different skill level leagues have been combined.
- In the past, adult leagues have been business-resident based.
- The current economic condition in Troy has many companies moving out of the city, reducing their employee base or eliminating sponsorship programs.
- A survey of surrounding cities was conducted and the results indicate that Troy is the only city to enforce non-resident restrictions.
- Each non-resident currently pays $30 per program they participate in. This fee is recommended to stay the same if the currently policy is amended.
- A decline in league participation numbers has prompted this proposed amended change to allow teams an unlimited number of non-residents per team as long as they pay the full non-resident fee of $30 per person, per sport.
- Teams have requested this change for several years.

Financial Considerations:

- Each non-resident player would continue to pay the $30 per person, per sport fee. It is anticipated that revenues would increase for each sport with this new policy.

Legal Considerations:

- None

Policy Considerations:

- It is anticipated that this new policy would provide more opportunities for Troy residents and employees working in Troy to have a larger pool of available players to participate in Troy Parks and Recreation adult athletic leagues. Field/court space is available if this policy is adopted.

Options:

- Staff would begin to implement this policy for the following adult athletic current offerings – softball, volleyball-indoor, sand volleyball, soccer, and basketball.

City of Troy

Memo

To: Stu Alderman , Superintendant of Recreation

From: Barb Rupas and Scott Mercer, Recreation Supervisors

Date: December 20, 2007

Subject: Change in non-resident policy for adult leagues

After a complete review, we are requesting a change in the current policy which limits how many non-residents can play on adult athletic teams. Current policy allows teams to have no more than 33% of their roster to be non-residents. A decline in league participation numbers has prompted this request. The number of teams has declined, divisions have been eliminated and as a negative result, different skill level leagues have been combined.

In the past, adult leagues have been business-resident based. The current economic condition in Troy has many companies moving out of the city, reducing their employee base or eliminating sponsorship programs. A survey of surrounding cities was conducted and the results indicate that Troy is the only city to enforce non-resident restrictions.

Each non-resident currently pays $30 per program they participate in. This fee is recommended to stay the same if the currently policy is amended. Staff recommends a policy change from the current format to the following:

Teams pay for non-residents on roster (unlimited non-residents allowed).

Pros:

- Additional revenue.
- More teams into leagues that would allow for separate skill level leagues which would in turn raise the quality of leagues and the safety level.
- Provide more opportunities for residents and employees with the ability to have a larger pool of available players to participate.
- Teams have requested this change for several years.
- Field/court space is available if this plan is adopted.

Cons:

Number of new teams may be limited due to amount of additional fees.

Sport	Current # NR/Team	Proposed # NR/team	Projected additional Revenue/team
Softball	6	10	$120
Volleyball – Indoor	4	6	$60
Sand Volleyball	3	5	$60
Soccer	6	10	$120
Basketball	4	6	$60