

November 21, 2008

To: Phillip L. Nelson, City Manager

From: John M. Lamerato, Assistant City Manager/Finance and Administration
Carol K. Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: Park Board Action Regarding Operating the Nature Center As A Park

At the November 20, 2008 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the following action was taken:

Resolution #PR-2008-11-14
Moved by Hauff
Seconded by Gazetti

Whereas, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board understands that in this day of economic turmoil that City Council and management is projecting a deficit of five million dollars in the 2009-2010 budget year and;

Whereas, there is an understanding that the way the City does business will have to change, and

Whereas, the survey that was completed by the City Council suggests a number of potential new revenues be implemented and a number of expenses cut, one of which is operating the Nature Center as a park.

Whereas, our country is focused on green and environmental issues, and

Whereas, the Nature Center has been a key facility for environmental education since the 1970's, and

Whereas operating the Nature Center as a park would eliminate all nature based programs resulting in the loss of a key element of human understanding of the planet by Troy residents,

RESOLVED, That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board strongly recommends that the City Council not authorize staff to implement the operation of the Nature Center as a park.

Yes: All – 7

MOTION CARRIED