



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

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SUBJECT: 2008 Friends of Recreation Board Annual Report

The Friends of Recreation Board, submits the following 2008 Annual Report.

2008 FRIENDS OF RECREATION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Board Members

Mike Schlack, Chair	3/01/11	Milton Wells	3/01/10
Mary K. Viegelahn Hamlin, Vice Chair	3/01/11	David Carrigan	3/01/10
Mary Brown	3/01/09	Jeff Kinney	3/01/10
Maureen Krause	3/01/09	Steve Tyler	3/01/11
Ian Kennedy	3/01/09	Karen Suglia	Ex-officio
		Frances Jewell	Ex-officio

In 2008, the Friends of Recreation Board met on 12 occasions. During the year, the Friends discussed and participated in many decisions, making recommendations on several issues. Major Board decisions included:

- The Board authorized \$2000 to continue the contract for assistance in the implementation of the Communications/Image Plan
- The Board authorized approval of \$7,700 for the printing of 1,000 copies of the Parks History Book as a fundraiser. To date 80 books have been sold
- The Board authorized the use \$875 for the rental of the Party Deck at the Kalamazoo Kings Game Deck as a promotional event towards mission.
- The Board authorized funding for 1 additional staff person at each of the 6 mini-camp sites up to a cost of \$11,710.
- The Board earmarked the net proceeds from the Golf Outing for the Milham/Blanche Hull Parks Master Plan.
- The Board recommended to the City Commission the appointments of Steve Tyler and Jeff Kinney to the Friends Board.
- The Board accepted the resignation of long time supporter, Orlin Loen from the Board
- The Board participated in several of the Parks and Recreation family events.
- The Board held the 12th Annual Golf Classic Fund Raiser and re-named the winner's trophy to "Orlin Loen" Friends Golf Trophy

- The Board held the third Annual Holiday Gathering fund raiser

The Friends of Recreation remains committed to Parks and Recreation's operations and programs. Our goal is to help the City continue to provide an outstanding parks system (over 680 acres) and recreational programs serving participants in youth development, after school programs, aquatics safety and fun, family fun, programs for active adults (55 and older) and programs for people with and without disabilities together. Friends of Recreation were organized to fund future recreation and park development opportunities for all, through the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment.

2009 Friends of Recreation Meeting Schedule

Friends of Recreation meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:00 am in Mayors' Riverfront Park Community Room (except where noted below).

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21