



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

FROM: John Hilliard, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair
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SUBJECT: 2006 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), submits the following 2006 Annual Report for your information.

2006 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Board Members

John Hilliard, Chair	1/01/08	Gina Antoniotti	1/01/09
Lance Ferraro, Vice Chair	1/01/09	Brian Fricke	1/01/09
Patricia Klein	1/01/07	Zachary Greening	1/01/09
Gary Wager	1/01/08	Griffin Williams	1/01/09
		Michael Dombos	1/01/10

In 2006, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) met on 12 occasions and recommended approval of 39 art fairs, health fairs, and special events including New Year's Fest, Milham Park Art Fair, and the One/One Run at Spring Valley Park.

Major Board discussions and recommendations included:

- Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair; the recommendation of one adult and two youth members to the Board; recommendation of the reappointment of one Board member; accepted the resignation of one Board member; and made appointments to the Tree Committee and Pesticide/Herbicide Committee.
- Recommended park rental fee waivers on a case by case basis.
- Amended the October 4, 2005 recommendation to sell the 1000 W. Dunkley property. PRAB recommended that this property be turned over to Public Safety to be used as a fire safety course/training site.
- Recommended the sale of the property on the northeast corner of Pitcher and Mosel with proceeds to be placed in the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment.
- Conducted a review of the PRAB Ordinance and recommended to change the age of youth PRAB members to between 15 and 20 years of age at the time of their appointment.
- Appointed a PRAB liaison to the Friends of Recreation Board.
- City Parks / Public Spaces Ordinance Changes – PRAB suggested that Section 1b, dealing with the prohibition of sleeping in parks between 9:00 pm and 8:00 am, be amended to read instead, “sunset to sunrise.” With this addition, PRAB

- unanimously moved to recommend approval of changes to the Park Ordinance.
- Approved the Woods Lake Beach and Oakwood Memorial Park Master Plan; recommended City Commission acceptance of said plan; and recommended that the plan be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan.
 - Approved the relocation of the Lincoln Memorial historical marker in Bronson Park.
 - Attended various Parks and Recreation events and programs held throughout the City.
 - Reviewed and recommended approval of the Parks and Recreation 2007 Proposed Fees and Charges for exclusive Park rentals and various Recreation activities.

PRAB remains committed to Parks and Recreation's operations and programs and to providing appropriate recommendations to the City Commission in its capacity as an advisory board.

2007 PRAB Meeting Schedule

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month (except where noted below *) at 5:00 pm in Mayors' Riverfront Park Community Room.

January 2	July 10*
February 6	August 8*
March 6	September 4
April 3	October 2
May 1	November 6
June 5	December 4

Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The Vision of the City of Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation Department is to create a community of neighborhoods where people live, work, and play. We do this by being good stewards of the environment, providing dynamic parks, trails, and recreation programs for all citizens, and by promoting youth development initiatives in support of healthy families.

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