



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

FROM: Gary Wager, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair
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SUBJECT: 2007 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Annual Report

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), submits the following 2007 Annual Report for your information.

2007 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Board Members

Gary Wager Chair	1/01/08	Brian Fricke	1/01/09
Lance Ferraro, Vice Chair	1/01/09	Griffin Williams	1/01/09
Zachary Greening	1/01/09	Larry Ross	1/01/10
Gina Antoniotti	1/01/09	Michael Dombos	1/01/10

In 2007, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) met on 12 occasions and recommended approval of 34 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:

- Reviewed and recommended approval of the Parks and Recreation 2008 Proposed Fees and Charges for exclusive Park rentals and various Recreation activities.
- Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair
- Approved the replacement of the sign at Martin Luther King, Jr., Park facilitated by the Kalamazoo Junior Girls organization and funded by the KCF/Martin Luther King Park Fund.
- Opposed the EPA, Millennium Holdings, and Georgia Pacific plan to dump PCB laden material at the Allied Paper Mill site in the City of Kalamazoo.
- Recommended approval of the "Recreation Area Management and Use Agreement between the County of Kalamazoo and the City of Kalamazoo." [Kalamazoo River Trailway Management Agreement]
- Voted to request that the City Commission consider and evaluate the 2008 summer playground program regarding fees, residency, and capacity.
- Recommended approval of the transfer of the property at 1310 Hays Park to the Edison Neighborhood Association by quit claim deed and that a reverter clause be included in the contract.
- Recommended approval that the master plans for Fairmount, LaCrone, and Woods Lake Beach Parks be incorporated into the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Recommended approval of the preliminary plan for Knollwood Apartments to build a pre-treatment water wetland system on Knollwood Park property with the developer

- paying the City \$50,000 to be dedicated to Knollwood Park improvements.
- Recommended approval for the placement of a sign in Henderson Park in accordance with City requirements and approved the removal of several existent shrubs.
- Recommended approval that Larry Ross be appointed as a Board member for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Supported the concept of a raised bed with retaining wall in the Lovell Street Park.

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.

2008 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 8	July 1*
February 5	August 6 [Wednesday]
March 4	September 2
April 1	October 7
May 6	November 5 [Wednesday]
June 3*	December 2

* Youth Development Center

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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