

**APPROVED**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**March 3, 2009**

Vice-Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm in the Parks and Recreation Community Room in Mayors' Riverfront Park.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Garrylee McCormick, Larry Ross, and Michael Dombos. Gary Wager arrived at 5:28 pm,

**Members Absent:** Natalie Patchell

**City Commission Liaison:** Barb Miller

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** absent

**Staff Present:** Frances Jewell and Lisa Brown

**Introduction of Guests:** Bill Steinman, Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC)

**Changes to the Agenda:** Addition of one event recommendation for Wenke 9/11 Commemorative Event.

**Special Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the February 3, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**Board Member Recruitment** – Two vacancies and two youth vacancies...Gary Wager not present at that time to comment.

**New Business:**

**Master Plan** – Frances gave a summary of the history and standards the plan is based on, goals and objectives and remainder of the process to finalize the plan. It is scheduled for the Planning Commission agenda of March 5<sup>th</sup>. The City Commission to set a public hearing for April 6<sup>th</sup>. Approval of the Master Plan unanimously carried.

**Event Recommendations for Approval:**

***The Board unanimously recommended that the City Manager approve the following events:***

- Borgess Run for the Health of It @ Spring Valley Park – April 25, 2009 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
- Dream Center Community Festival @ Bronson Park – July 11, 2009 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Wenke 9-11 Commemorative Event @ Bronson Park – September 11, 2008 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Comments:**

**Citizens – Non Agenda Items:** None

**Commission Liaison:** None

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** Absent

**Parks and Recreation Managing Director – Monthly Report:**

Frances shared the following information:

- Groundbreaking ceremonies for a section of Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway from Gull to Mosel took place on 2/5/09
- New Parks Supervisor Brian Bailey started on 2/2/09. He is responsible for supervision of day to day maintenance of all parks. He will be attending the April PRAB meeting.
- Just hired someone to prepare the construction documents for Fairmont Dog Park

Frances asked for continued support of the Parks and Recreation Department at all opportunities.

**Staff:** None

**Board Members:** Gary Wager informed the board of a website to vote on stimulus projects: [www.stimuluswatch.com](http://www.stimuluswatch.com)

Michael Dombos shared a letter to the Editor printed in the *Kalamazoo Gazette* regarding the groomed cross-country trails available at Milham Golf Course. The letter commended Frances Jewell, the Nordic Skiers Club and Milham Park golf course management for their efforts.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Brown, Recording Secretary