Chair Meka Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm in the Parks and Recreation Community Room in Mayors’ Riverfront Park.

Roll Call:
Members Present:  Meka Phillips, Travis Bell, Michael Markel, John Johnson, Zadie Jackson arrived at 5:34 pm and Chris Patchell arrived at 5:22 pm

Members Absent:

City Commission Liaison:  Vacant position

Friends of Recreation Liaison:  Vacant position

Staff Present:  Sean Fletcher, Meg Kennedy, Lisa Brown, Ryan Johnson

Introduction of Guests:  Paula Eckert (residing at 1623 Grand Avenue), and Mark Sloan (residing at 1621 Grand Ave-President of the West Main Neighborhood Association) are attending the meeting to discuss issues about the Henderson Tot Lot. Olga Button also was present. She is a member of the Environmental Concerns Committee. Khalil Adams is present to express interest in a position on the Youth Advisory Board. He stated that the Mayor recommended the position to him and he is a sophomore in high school. He is the chapter president of the FCCLA and works with Volunteer Kzoo. He is interested in the position so that he can get a feel for this type of career and to gain insight and knowledge. He said that he can bring a youth perspective to the board and that he goes to Bronson Park regularly. He also stated that time commitment will not be an issue because he has a flexible schedule and can make any meeting. Sean let him know that he needs to fill out an application and that it will be voted on at the next meeting.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: Natalie was scheduled to give a presentation, but it is going to be postponed until the June Meeting.

Approval of Minutes:  The minutes from the April 7th, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with the previously requested change.

Old Business:
Travis inquired about the group that was supposed to present on Ribbons in Bronson Park. Sean stated that they were invited to the meeting but were not yet present.

New Business:
Henderson Tot lot Concerns – The guests from the West Main Neighborhood association stated that a house was egged last Thursday. They have talked to the kids in the past and that had been enough to make the behaviors stop. This time the talks have not had any impact on getting the behavior to stop. The group is frustrated and doesn't know what they can do. The Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to have the hoops taken down, at least temporarily. They are looking to the board for suggestions. Ryan asked that if anything further happen, they contact him directly so he can stop by the Park. Sean will look at the history of
the Park to see how it came about that the Tot lot has Basketball hoops before the Board makes a final decision. Board unanimous.

**Pinwheels at Bronson Park**—Erin Alexander Bell from Kalamazoo County Social Services and Patty Nikolich from Lutheran Services arrived to request the use of Bronson Park. They want to Place 720 Pinwheels along Park Street in the ground at Bronson Park. Zadie mentioned that Kalamazoo in bloom will be planting this month and Travis suggested the triangle across from Crane Park may be a better spot for them because there is more traffic and less likelihood of vandalism. The Board voted unanimously to allow them to put the pinwheels up in the triangle across from Crane Park. Ryan stated they could be put up immediately.

**Event Recommendations:**

A. Black Arts and Cultural Center requested event:
   - The Black Arts Festival – Lacrone Park – Saturday, July 18th, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 19th, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. was unanimously voted to be denied because the proper paperwork was not included.

B. Gryphon Place requested event:
   - 2nd Annual Gryphon Place Suicide Prevention Walk Presented by Eaton Corporation – Bronson Park – Saturday, September 12th, 2015 from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. was unanimously approved.

C. DC Strong requested event:
   - The DCpocalypse 5K – Spring Valley Park – Saturday, September 12th, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. was unanimously approved.

D. Kalamazoo Deacon’s Conference requested event:
   - Community Picnic-Lacrone Park-Saturday, June 13th, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. was unanimously voted to be denied because the proper paperwork was not included.

E. Kalamazoo Deacon’s Conference requested event:
   - Roundball Classic-Lacrone Park- Thursday, August 13th, 2015 to Sunday, August 16th, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. was unanimously voted to be denied because the proper paperwork was not included.

F. West Main Hill Neighborhood Association requested event:
   - WMH/USTA Picnic-Henderson Park- Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. was unanimously voted to be denied because the proper paperwork was not included.

**Comments:**

**Citizens:** None

**Commission Liaison:** Vacant position

**Friends Liaison:** Vacant position

**Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report:** Sean provided everyone with a Family Fun guide. He said we were fully staffed with Interns.

**Staff:** Ryan gave a Woods Lake update to PRAB members. He said the drawings are being modified and when they are done he will have a meeting with the public.

**Board Members:** Zadie said that Travis’ cycling event was nice. Chris brought a letter that was addressed to the steering committee. A few changes were made and the board voted unanimously to have the letter sent to the steering committee. The Board inquired about the application process for weddings at Crane Park. Sean said that he would look into it.
Adjournment: 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Meg Kennedy, Recording Secretary

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Recording Secretary

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Meka Phillips

Chair