Vice Chair John Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm in the Open Space in Station 5.

**Roll Call:**
**Members Present:** John Johnson, Chris Patchell, Chris Bol, Zadie Jackson, Pam Roland

**Members Absent:** Khalil Adams

**City Commission Liaison:** None

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Broekema

**Introduction of Guests:** Andy Versteeg, Kalamazoo Dogs Rugby

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Special Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the December 6, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**
A. Public Hearing for Bronson Park 21st Century Master Plan
   a. Citizen feedback was offered, PRAB member Zadie Jackson would like to see Bronson Park to stay as is with only the Iannelli Fountain and the reflecting pool being upgraded. She understands why the children statues need to be moved and is pleased they are being saved. She does not believe many of the new changes, i.e., ice rink consolidation of monument, etc are appropriate for Bronson Park. She enjoys the monuments being scattered throughout park. There are reasons why some are where they are and it makes people walk the park as the look for them.

B. Andy Versteeg presented the Snowball Winter Rugby Tournament to the group, it is a 10 on 10 tournament with 10 minute halves. No alcohol is allowed in the park without a liquor license.

**Event Recommendations:**
A. Andy Versteeg (Kalamazoo Rugby Football Club) requested event – 23rd Annual Snowball Winter Rugby Tournament on Saturday February 11, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Versluis Dickinson Park.

Chris Patchell, seconded by Zadie Jackson, moved to approve the event. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments

Citizens: None

Commission Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report: None

Staff: None

Board Members:
Board Member Zadie Jackson questioned the post-service treatment of volunteers; she would like to see more civility from the City in thanking individuals for their service. Board Member Chris Patchell enjoys the new type of receptions that the Department is hosting – for example at Station 5 and Woods Lake.
Meka Phillips will have her re-appointment voted on January 17, 2017 at City Commission. Board Member Pam Roland wanted to know when Martin Luther King Park is slated for upgrades, she would like to have a parks input meeting for the park to gather community input.

The next meeting will be February 7, 2017 at 5:20 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Community Space at Mayors’ Riverfront Park.

Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Broekema, Recording Secretary

Recording Secretary

Vice Chair