

Approved
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
December 5, 2017

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Meka Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Parks and Recreation Community Space.

Roll Call:

Members Present: John Johnson, Meka Phillips, Chris Bol, Zadie Jackson, Alyiah Adams, Kayleen Shafer

Members Absent: Chris Patchell, Pam Roland

City Commission Liaison: None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: None

Staff Present: Katie Broekema, Sean Fletcher

Introduction of Guests: Khalil Adams, community member

Changes to the Agenda:

- The sale of 925 Grant St, a property owned by the city and west of Davis St Park. Zadie Jackson moved, and John Johnson seconded, that the property be sold and the proceeds earmarked for Vine Park Projects. It was unanimously approved.

Special Presentations:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the November 5, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Alcohol for Events in City Parks (with Parks & Recreation Director Approval)
 - A. It was unanimously moved to recommend allowing the Director of Parks and Recreation the ability to approve/deny allowing alcohol at city sponsored events.
- B. 2018 Meeting Schedule:
 - A. January 9, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space
 - B. February – cancelled
 - C. March 6, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space
 - D. April 3, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space

- E. May 8, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space
- F. June 5, 2018 at Spring Valley Park
- G. July 3, 2018 at Davis St Park
- H. August 7, 2018 at Woods Lake Park
- I. September 11, 2018 at Bronson Park
- J. October 2, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space
- K. November 13, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space
- L. December 4, 2018 at Parks and Recreation Community Space

Event Recommendations:

- A. Blaine Lam (Borgess Run for the Health of it) requested event – Borgess Run for the Health of it on Sunday May 6, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Spring Valley Park.
- B. Elizabeth Kraatz (Lucina Hinsdale Stone Chapter NSDAR) requested event – World War I Commemorative Luminaria from 4:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. on Sunday November 11, 2018 at Bronson Park.
- C. Jess Foxen (Michigan Nature Association) requested event – Monarch March family Fun Run on Saturday June 9, 2017 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Mayors Riverfront Park.

All Events were unanimously approved.

Comments

Citizens:

Commission Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report: Director Sean Fletcher shared that the annual budget meeting for City Commission is on Monday December 11, 2017 and as always support at that meeting is appreciated. On December 4, 2017 there was a Parks and Recreation update to the City Commission that emphasized the positive work the department does. This summer the department averaged 30 children at each supervised play site.

Friends of Recreation Executive Director is still an open position, but the choices are narrowed down and the goal is to have the position filled by January 2018.

Staff: Special event coordinator Katie Broekema reported that Candy Cane Hunt is approaching; it will be December 9 at Homer Stryker Field from 12 – 2 pm.

Board Members:

Board Member Zadie Jackson announced that she will be leaving at the end of her term (January 2018) to allow for continuing board development.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted by Katie Broekema, Recording Secretary

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Chair

