

Approved
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
November 14, 2017

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

Roll Call:

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

Members Absent:

City Commission Liaison: None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: None

Staff Present: Katie Broekema, Patrick McVerry

Introduction of Guests:

Changes to the Agenda:

Special Presentations:

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

Old Business:

New Business:

Event Recommendations:

- A. Lisa Irwin (Diocese of Kalamazoo) requested event – Prayer for Life event on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Bronson Park.
- B. Deb Droppers (KELC) requested event – New Year's Fest of Kalamazoo Inc. on Sunday, December 31, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. at Bronson Park.
- C. Meg Gardiner (Congenital Heart Walk – West Michigan Congenital Heart Walk on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Mayors' Riverfront Park.

All Events were unanimously approved.

Comments

Citizens:

Commission Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report: Deputy Director Patrick McVerry reported on park projects: Davis Street Park is on track to be completed by December 2017, Frays Park is going out to bid and work will begin spring 2018, Henderson Tot Lot will be going out to bid; Martin Luther King Jr Park will have an adjusted sprinkler system by spring 2018.

Friends of Recreation Executive Director Sean McCann is leaving his position, applications have been accepted and interviews have begun.

Staff: Special event coordinator Katie Broekema reported that Tree Lighting Ceremony was on Friday November 24, 2017 from 5:00 – 7:30 pm at Bronson Park and that the Candy Cane Hunt will be on Saturday December 9 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at Homer Stryker Field.

Board Members:

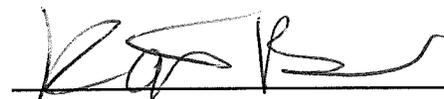
Board Member Kayleen Shafer suggested that there be a 'welcome to PRAB' booklet for new members.

Board Member Chris Patchell commended the department on their work with the parade.

Board Members inquired as to the statue at Martin Luther King Jr Park, and Patrick McVerry responded that staff checked it over and it is secure and in place.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted by Katie Broekema, Recording Secretary



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Chair