

**Approved**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**June 6, 2017**

Meka Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at Bronson Park.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Chris Patchell, Chris Bol, Zadie Jackson, Pam Roland, Meka Phillips, Khalil Adams

**Members Absent:** John Johnson

**City Commission Liaison:** None

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Broekema, Sean Fletcher

**Introduction of Guests:**

- A. Prospective PRAB member Aliyah Adams
- B. Anthony Stuckey and Brittney Bolden – Kzoo City Basketball

**Changes to the Agenda:**

**Special Presentations:**

- A. Aliyah Adams shared why she would like to be a part of the PRAB board and despite being 14 she is actively involved in volunteer opportunities and bettering her hometown. The current members of the board asked her some questions and voted unanimously to approve her application and recommend her appointment to the City Commission.
- B. Anthony Stuckey and Brittney Bolden shared information about the new Kzoo City Basketball team; they would like to hold an event in LaCrone Park celebrating this. The Peace over the Summer on July 8. This event would consist of speakers on peace and doing the right thing, awareness of the team, and a basketball tournament. They would like this to be an annual event. Games will be held November – March at KPS Schools

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the May 2, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Event Recommendations:**

- A. Alison Nuismar (KNHS) requested event – Thrive Vine from 3:00 p.m. from Friday September 8 until Saturday September 9 at 10:00 p.m. in S Westnedge Park.
- B. Brittney Bolden (Kalamazoo Legends) requested event – Peace Over the Summer from 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 17 in La Crone Park.
- C. Lorence Wenke requested event – September 11 Commencement Ceremony on Monday, September 11 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Bronson Park.
- D. Julie Keiser (Jesus Loves Kzoo) requested event – S Westnedge Park Grill night on Thursday, July 13 from 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. in S Westnedge Park.
- E. Desi Taylor (Clueventure Travel Agency) requested event – Clueventure Kalamazoo from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Bronson Park.

Chris Patchell, seconded by Chris Bol, moved to approve the events A-E. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Comments**

**Citizens:** None

**Commission Liaison:** None

### **Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report:**

Friends of Recreation had a Youth Scholarship Breakfast that raised approximately \$11,000, and their golf outing has been scheduled for Friday September 15. The Parks and Recreation Building will be dedicated in honor of Lois Jackson on June 30, at 4 p.m. at Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Director Sean Fletcher shared that Monday June 12 was a City Commission work session regarding Davis St Park, Rockwell Park, and Frays Park. PRAB members are invited to attend to show park support. Crane Park planning is going well and has received positive public support thus far. The Kik Pool 2017 season opening has to be delayed, a pump was broken and needed to be custom ordered. September 8, the City Commission meeting will be held inside Hayes Park, PRAB members are also invited to attend.

**Staff:** None

### **Board Members:**

PRAB member Zadie Jackson wondered if we could sell Glen and Canyon Park, or if they were designated parks land.

PRAB member Pam Roland is doing work with the Kalamazoo Junior Girls in MLK Park and has concerns with the sprinkler system, bricks, and sidewalks.

PRAB Chair Meka Phillips enjoyed attending the June Jubilee weekend downtown, and especially the KI Arts Fair.

**Adjournment:**

Respectfully submitted by Katie Broekema, Recording Secretary

 7.14.17

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 7-11-17

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Chair

