

Approved
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
July 8, 2017

Meka Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Kik Pool.

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 Kayleen Shafer
- B. Aliyah Adams
- C. Ericka Dawydko – Family Health Center
- D. Takisha Johnson and Martin Johnson – Young Kings and Queens
- E. Aaron Wright – CoK Environmental Concerns Committee

Changes to the Agenda:

1. Addition of presentation by Takisha Johnson and Martin Johnson about the Back to School Jam Event.
 - a. This event is put on by the Nonprofit group Young Kings and Queens and is designed to empower youth ages 12-19. The goal is to provide age appropriate school supplies to older children. It will also have a concert with music provided by Martin Johnson's contacts within the music world.
 - b. The board moved to approve this event – pending a move to LaCrone Park and a set security plan.

Special Presentations:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the June 6, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

- A. Park Usage Guidelines
 - a. The guidelines were unanimously approved.
- B. MLK Park
 - a. PRAB board members had concerns about the structure inside the Park, the statue is loose and the sprinkler system was not adequate to water the beds. Flowers planted on June 3 are now all dead due to lack of watering. The electrical access in the park is damaged as well.
- C. Parks Concept Images
 - a. There is a City Commission Meeting on Monday June 17 at 7 pm where Parks projects will be discussed.
- D. PRAB Applicants
 - a. Kayleen Shafer is from the Ludington area and just moved to Kalamazoo with her husband and dog. She lives in the Oakland/Winchell neighborhood and loves to be outdoors.
 - b. The Board unanimously voted to recommend the appointment of Ms. Shafer to the PRAB board.

Event Recommendations:

- A. Laurie Boyd (GFM The Synergy Center) requested event - Breaking the Cycle of Addiction: Ride/walk for a Cause from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday September 9, 2017 beginning at Verberg Park and ending at the Kalamazoo Nature Center.
- B. Ericka Dawydko (Kalamazoo Family Health Center) requested event – Hoops for Health from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday July 22, 2017 at La Crone Basketball Court.
- C. Gayle Thompson (Girls on the Run) requested event – GOTR TuTu Run from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday November 4, 2017 in Spring Valley Park.
- D. Gwen Lanier (Mothers of Hope) requested event – Mothers of Hope Ultimate Family Reunion from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Saturday August 5, 2017 in LaCrone Park.

Events A-C were unanimously approved, with event D receiving approval.

Comments

Citizens: None

Commission Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report:

Friends of Recreation will be hosting their annual golf outing on September 15, please join or donate if you are able.

Director Sean Fletcher shared that all 7 of our camp sites are almost at capacity, and our new Youth Development Coordinator is getting his programs up and running.

Staff: None

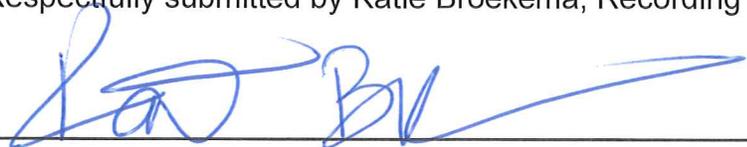
Board Members:

Board Chair Meka Phillips went to the Jesus Loves Kzoo in Bronson Park and thought it was a very nice event.

Board Member Zadie Jackson was very pleased about the naming and dedication of the Parks and Recreation Building for Lois Jackson.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted by Katie Broekema, Recording Secretary

 5-11-18

Recording Secretary

Meka Phillip 5-8-18

Chair

