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

[Signature]

Recording Secretary

Meka Phillips 5-8-18

Chair