

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
August 6, 2019

Chair Meka Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on August 6, 2019 at Frays Park

Roll Call:

Members Present: Meka Phillips, Paul Teini, Chris Patchell, John Johnson, Chris Bol

Members Absent: Erin Knott, Aliyah Adams, Pam Roland, Patrick McVerry, Sean Fletcher, Kayleen Shafer,

Staff Present: Corey Stamps, Alison Nuismer

Introduction of Guests: Mary Sturgeon, Pete, Frank Guarisco

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations:

Mary Sturgeon reported, Franky Manzolo was my grandfather who worked in Crane Park and helped design it. Since the park is being fixed up, the family would like to put a memorial in the park for him. She is unsure on how to make it happen but it's what she would like to do.

Meka Phillips asked how many people were with him when the park was created? Mary responded, about 3 people.

Meka asked are the other people still living? Mary mentioned Nick Kik was very helpful along with another member of the Kik family. Mary continued, our grandfather worked day and night to keep Crane Park clean with one assistant. Mary thinks having a memorial at Crane Park for him would be nice. The family would like a bronze plaque with his name on it. They are unsure about the rules on how many words or how big.

Paul Teini asked does anyone know the rules?

Chris Patchell mentioned that he has spoken with Sean about rules for adding things to Crane Park and Sean mentioned he wants things to coordinate with each other. Chris encouraged them to check out the park to see the renovations.

Chris Bol agreed and said check out the renovations to get a sense of how the park looks. When it's time for you to place something in the park you will be able to do so.

Mary mentioned that they would like to put everything by a big rock they saw in the park. Chris Patchell mentioned maybe creating a brick that could be placed in the brick walk way would be a good idea.

PRAB supports them and thinks it's a good idea.

Healing of the Hood: Denzel Small reported, two rival gang members came together to create an event to bring ministry to the street for the younger generation. They want to show the younger generation that there is another way. Meka asked what is the event about? He mentioned there will be a baptism pool, food, gospel singers and rappers. They would like a stage as well but there have been some complications with getting it done in time.

Meka mentioned the application states that streets will be closed off? Denzel was unaware of any streets being closed. He believes it will be for parking.

John Johnson mentioned in the past they have had residents who complained about not having access to their driveway and emergency vehicles couldn't get down the street.

Paul asked about advertising. Denzel responded they have passed out flyers and posted on social media.

Healing of the Hood was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The July minutes were unanimously approved

Old Business:

New Business:

Meka mentioned John drafted a letter that we should support in regard to the farmers market. It has not been sent yet as John is not sure if he should send it or if it should come from Sean.

Chris Patchell asked is the grant information public yet?

Everyone mentioned they don't think so

Chris Bol asked is there research that shows a return on investment?

John said he feels like he has a copy of the information

Alison Nuismer mentioned that she saw it on Facebook a while ago

Event Recommendations:

None

Comments:

None

Citizens:

None

Commission Liaison:

Meka asked has anyone seen or heard from her? Everyone said no they have not.

Friends of Recreation Liaison Update:

Alison reported there has been a lot going on. She is currently working on getting sponsorships, games and food trucks for the Golf Outing. Paw Paw Wine Distributers will be dispensing Bells at the event as well. There is also a cool event coming up with Gazelle Sports Urban Herd on August 28. Any donations that are given during the event will be matched by Gazelle. Friends of Recreation did a 50/50 raffle at the Growlers game and they made \$450.

Alison also mentioned that If anyone is interested in helping with any of the events please just let her know.

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report:

Corey Stamps reported on behalf of Patrick McVerry, we have the tree list from Natalie for Crane Park and are working on getting the plaques produced to have them identified. Reed St. park improvements will start on August 5th per the construction company. The park is scheduled to be completed by end of September. We are still waiting on a response for Rockwell on when building will be delivered.

Staff:

Corey Stamps reported we will be showing How to Train your Dragon 3 at Dutton St. Park. Please let everyone know about the movie.

Board Members:

Chris Bol said its good to be back. He mentioned he hasn't been at a meeting since earlier this year.

Chris Patchell had attended an event at Crane Park. They used some of the new spaces that were renovating in the park. Chris also mentioned the tent they had used concrete blocks not stakes so that was good.

Meka said she finally had the time to go to Lunchtime Live and she had a good time at the event.

Adjournment: 6:06pm

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Community Room.

Respectfully submitted by Corey Stamps, Recording Secretary

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