Chair John Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm on October 6th, 2020 via Zoom Conference Meeting

Roll Call:
Members Present: John Johnson, Chris Bol, Paul Teini, Pam Roland

Members Absent: Christopher Patchell

Staff Present: Danielle Baucom, Shannon Keene, Neal Conway

Introduction of Guests: Ben Stanley, Michael Harrison, Joseph Buckman
The board members asked the PRAB applicants questions pertaining to their interest in joining.

Changes to the Agenda:
A. Addition of New Year’s Fest Event Recommendation – Paul Teini motioned, seconded by Chris Bol for a unanimous approval to add the event recommendation to the agenda.

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes:
Paul Teini motioned, and Chris Bol seconded for a unanimous approval of the August meeting minutes.

Old Business:
A. Extremist groups requesting events in the City – Chris Bol stated the Assistant City Attorney submitted a response to this issue and he felt that it was an adequate and well written response. The Advisory Board doesn’t have the right to revoke someone’s freedom of speech. Pam Roland stated her agreement and Chris Bol commented that events can be denied for reasons such as damage to the park or another event is scheduled, not because we don’t agree with the event.
B. Progress on the Glenn Park Trail – Paul Teini shared a letter formatted in response to emails and phone calls regarding the Glenn Park BMX trail. John expressed concern the letter doesn’t address liability for homeowners if children wandered onto their property and are injured. Chris Bol recommended the board should get Sean’s recommendations on how to proceed with neighbor’s liability. Chris Bol motioned, seconded by Paul Teini to approve the distribution of the letter, pending Sean’s approval, to the community members and Winchell Neighborhood Association who contacted the Parks & Recreation department regarding the BMX trail in Glenn Park.
C. MLK Park Plan – Pam Roland updated the board that in spring 2021 the trees will be replaced with 8 Hawthorne trees. Dead/dying trees around the Martin Luther King
sculpture will be replaced. Addition of 6 flower beds, soil replacement, brick pavers, stamped concrete, irrigation upgrades. The sculpture was cleaned and looks like it did the day it was installed. The park overall is looking better.

D. Vacant Board Positions – The group discussed expired positions and term limits. Chris Bol motioned, seconded by Paul Teini for a unanimous approval to reappoint himself, John and Pam for an additional term on the Parks & Recreation advisory board.

E. Appointment of New Board Members – After discussion of the applicants, Chris Bol motioned, seconded by Paul Teini for a unanimous approval to appoint Ben Stanley, Joseph Buckman and Michael Harrison.

**New Business:** None

**Event Recommendations:**

1. Tanya Bellamy, TRHT Historical/Cultural Landscape Project, Spring Valley Park, October 31st, event 2pm to 7pm, setup at 1pm and teardown at 7:30pm. Paul Teini motioned, and Pam Roland seconded for unanimous approval.

2. Deborah Droppers, New Year’s Fest, Bronson Park, December 31st, event 7pm to 12am, setup at 8:30am and teardown at 2am. Chris Bol motioned, and Pam Roland seconded for unanimous approval.

**Comments:** All approved events will receive a letter from the Parks & Recreation Department notifying them of approval, and requesting the organizer follow the Governors Executive Orders in effect on the day of the event.

**Citizens:** None

**Friends of Recreation Liaison Update:**
Danielle reported the Friends of Recreation Golf Outing was a successful event.

**Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report:** None

**Staff:** Danielle gave an update on the Halloween Forest event and let the board know we are looking for volunteers. Shannon confirmed that CDC guidelines and executive orders will be followed.

**Board Members:** Board Member Pam Roland asked about the board applicant process. Danielle reported the next phase is commission approval and she will follow up with Sean regarding details of the process. Chris Bol thanked Paul for his efforts on the Glenn Park response letter. Paul Teini commented that Axtell and Crane park were in excellent condition and thinks that everyone should continue to visit other parks when they have the opportunity. John Johnson visited Reed Street park and thought it was excellent but noticed graffiti on the picnic tables. He also visited Spring Valley Park and Bronson Park and loved the new furniture and was happy to hear that it is permanent. John Johnson stated there are lawncare issues with the lawn service company. They killed a tree at the Crosstown Parkway by driving over it and noted there has been consistent issues and hopes to have in-house lawn care.
Danielle added that it will not be in-house in 2021, the contract has been renewed with the current company. Chris Bol commented that he and a group volunteered at Spring Valley Park and helped clean up some overgrowth. He talked to the head crew man and he commented the lawn service crew has been significantly better than past years. Pam Roland also commented there have been improvements in lawn care services at other parks this year. Pam requested to be updated on Improvement Projects & the Parks and Recreation Budgets.

**Adjournment:** 6:47 p.m.

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom Conference.

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Keene, Recording Secretary

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