

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A regular meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 9, at the Troy Community Center, room 503.

Steve Toth called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Present: Steve Toth, Jeff Stewart, Laurie Huber, Julia (Judy) Baker, Gary Hauff, Kulin Oak, Elaine Bo, Brian Goul, and Kurt Bovensiep.

Absent: Rusty Kaltsounis, Janice Zikakis, Tim McGee

Visitors: None

Resolution # PR - 2017 - 02 - 001

Moved by Judy Baker

Seconded by Gary Hauff

RESOLVED, that the minutes of November 3, 2016 are approved.

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- New Business

- Kiwanis Shelter Donation and naming –

- Kurt Bovensiep reviewed the policy of naming amenities of existing parks.
 - Kurt Bovensiep gave a presentation to Kiwanis Club of Troy due to their interest in sponsoring one of the two shelters at the Dog Park.
 - Board members of Kiwanis Club of Troy met and a proposal was made to support and name one of the two shelters Kiwanis Club of Troy.
 - Kiwanis Club of Troy is making a \$16,500 donation to the proposed \$32,000 to build the shelter, \$8,500 as the first installment and 12 months later paying the balance.
 - Discussion on future donations for benches, possible statues, and the police doing a plaque for Police Department's fallen K-9.

Motion to accept the shelter naming of Kiwanis Club of Troy and donation schedule of \$16,500 with \$8,500 the first installment and balance of \$8,000 due twelve months later.

Moved by Gary Hauff

Seconded by Laurie Huber

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Further discussion on the Dog Park
 - Availability of Eagle Scout Projects – there is currently a Scout working on a butterfly garden.
 - Operation of the Dog Park – Ashely Levin is working with a group of volunteers to set up policies.
 - Restroom – the building of the restroom is currently at bid at Purchasing.
 - Fence – will go to bid soon.
 - Stonecrest – meeting the City's needs over and above.
- Old Business
 - Confirm 2017 meeting dates
 - February 9, April 13, September 21, and November 9

Motion to accept the 2017 meeting dates of February 9, April 13, September 21, and November 9.

Moved by Judy Baker

Seconded by Gary Hauff

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- Member Comments
 - Jeff Stewart asked where the City was at regarding the Creative Endeavors Store.
 - Elaine Bo explained that in talks with Carla Vaughn participation in the store is dwindling.
 - Health and Wellness is a bigger topic among residents.
 - The Recreation Department would bring in \$40,500 from DMC, along with free programming for the public.
 - Council made a decision that the store to remain.
 - Steve Toth mentioned not seeing people in the store and a good amount of vendors being non-residents, and asked about selling items pertaining to the Community Center. Asked how the Parks and Recreation Board could help.
 - Elaine Bo explained towels, locks, goggles are sold at the Control Desk
 - Revenue from the store is \$2100 a year.
 - The intent was to highlight Troy Senior Vendors and craft items.
 - The majority of items in the store are now merchant purchased
 - Kurt Bovensiep advised the Board to go to Council during budget.
 - Steve Toth stated the Board is interested in looking at statistics and information regarding Creative Endeavors and bringing in DMC. Board supports efforts to improve wellness.
 - Steve Toth asked Elaine to keep the Board advised on the status of moving forward with DMC.
 - Steve Toth commented on the lights on Big Beaver this winter and if the distance would be extended next year. Kurt Bovensiep explained there isn't power currently to do that.
 - Steve Toth appreciated the new treadmills in fitness center.

- Kulin Oak mentioned he was involved in an anti-bullying program at school, and in an organization call Stomp Out Bullying. Asked the Board how to get the word out in the community. Elaine Bo stated she would post flyers for him when he brought them in.

- Staff Reports
 - Elaine Bo -
 - Discussed the partnership with the Library and Winter Wonderland annually.
 - Next Winter Wonderland will be December 8, 2017.
 - Having the path lit between Library and Community was a success
 - The Community Center had a large amount of decorations donated by the public.
 - Summer Camp information is in the new TroyRecreation Guide.
 - The new TroyRecreation Guide has better print and paper.
 - In January the Fitness Area had 180 new members and 33 member referrals.
 - Kurt Bovensiep-
 - The City and City Council was able to secure easements last week for Trails and Pathways.
 - The city will begin clearing trail to Wattles.
 - The first phase is 2 miles.
 - Brian Goul
 - Discussed the Community Center's 15th Birthday on March 11, 2017

Laurie Huber made a motion to adjourn.

Jeff Stewart seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Steve Toth, Chairperson

Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary