

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Troy Community Center, room 305.

Judy Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Julia (Judy) Baker, Tim McGee, Laurie Huber, Tim Fulcher, Kelly Martin, Divya Aggarwal, Elaine Bo, Brian Goul, Kurt Bovensiep.

Absent: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Kristin Franklin

Visitors: Paul Olivier, Joanne Clifford, Shirley O'Neal, Jim O'Neal, James Ahoe, Mary Winn, Wayne Hipfel, Terry Stapleton, Clay Stapleton, Kathleen Ruprich, Richard Ostrom, Gail Locke, Eric Locke

Gail Locke represented the group and presented concerns participants have over the Shall We Dance Program being limited to four times per year. Elaine Bo requested they set up a meeting with two representatives of the group to discuss reasons for the deduction.

Resolution # PR - 2019 - 12 - 001

Moved by Tim McGee

Seconded by Laure Huber

RESOLVED, that the minutes of September 19, 2019 are approved.

Yes: 5

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

- New Business- Election of Chairperson
 - Tim Fulcher nominated Tim McGee as Chairperson and Tim McGee accepted.

Resolution # PR – 2019 – 12- 002

Moved by Tim Fulcher

Seconded by Judy Baker

RESOLVED, that Tim McGee is appointed as the Parks and Recreation Chairperson.

Yes: 5

No: 0

- 2020 Park Board Meeting Dates
 - Discussion on 2020 meeting dates as follows: February 6, April 23, September 24, and November 19.

Motion to approve the 2020 Park Board dates, February 6, April 23, September 24, November 19.

Resolution # PR – 2019 – 12 - 003

Moved by Judy Baker

Seconded by Laurie Huber

RESOLVED, that the 2020 Park Board dates are February 6, April 23, September 24 and November 19.

Yes: 5

No: 0

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - Kurt Bovensiepe presented the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Incorporated the Green Space Committee's findings.
 - Survey was completed by approximate 1000 residents.
 - Over 70% satisfaction rate other than the Dog Park.
 - 79% respondents use trails.
 - Trails and Pathways and Splash Pad amenities were requested.
 - Only 42% of residents make use of field sports.
 - Pickle ball and hand ball was requested.
 - Developing new programs and general field and park maintenance was noted as being needed.
 - There was a specific question to see if residents would be willing to pay extra for upgrades and improvements. 71% stated they would pay for upgrades.
 - Once the Park Board approved the Master Plan it will be available to the public for 30 days. It will then be sent to Council at the end of January. Once approved it will be submitted to the DNR allowing us to be able to apply for grants.
 - Historic Village was added to protect the property.
 - Sylvan Glen Lake Park will be getting updates of trail, paved parking, restrooms, and playground structures in the next five years.
 - Deterioration of fields due to lack of staffing. The Parks Department has gone from 60 to 5 employees.

Motion to approve the five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan with updates on school building and possible addition on costs presented by Tim Fulcher.

Resolution # PR – 2019 – 12 – 004

Moved by Judy Baker

Seconded by Laurie Huber

RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is approved.

Yes: 5

No: 0

Old Business

- List of seven preferred caterers for the Troy Community Center went to council for approval. The list is available on the Recreation Website and at the front desk.
- There are several CISMA around. We do not have the staff to participate. Most of the issues are on private property. Oakland County already participates.
- The curtains at Sanctuary Lake are on the Capital Budget.

- None.

Staff Reports

Elaine Bo

- Winter Wonderland is December 6. Tree lighting at 6:30pm. Activities at the Library and Troy Community Center begin at 7pm.
- Fifty Forward now follows the Troy Recreation Guide and is published quarterly to avoid confusion. Programs are now uniform in dates of registration. There is less cost of staff to produce the newsletter. Everything has been streamlined for better customer service.

Brian Goul

- The Troy Community Center is now offering a family pass. This pass is a savings of roughly \$50. There were requests for patrons for a lower cost pass option. The pass sales started December 1st and there are already 8 new family memberships.

Kurt Bovensiepe

- Kurt will be requesting additional Parks personnel. The Parks Department went from 60 employees pre-recession to 5.
- The Dog Park restrooms were completed just before having to close them for winter.

Tim Fulcher made a motion to adjourn.

Judy Baker seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 6:30 pm.



Tim McGee, Chairperson



Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary