

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 18, 2021 virtually on Zoom.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Kristin Franklin, Tim Fulcher, Casey Colussi, Kelly Martin, John Shepherd, Akshitha Sahu, Elaine Bo, Brian Goul.

Absent: Judy Baker, Dennis Trantham.

Public Comments: No public comments received.

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # PR - 2021 - 2 – 001

RESOLVED, that the minutes of January 14, 2021 are approved.

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

New Business-

Redwood Park Presentation

- Kristin Franklin gave a presentation on plans to improve Redwood Park. Park would include walking trails, restrooms, large parking lot, benches, braille trail, gardens, additional pickle ball, toddler play area, splash pad, sandbox.
- Noted that there was much public comment wanting improvements to our Parks in the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Funding through W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants, Mparks Foundation Grants, Sponsorships, Land and Water Conservation Fund, Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and DNR Recreation Grants.
- Advertise in Troy Times to get the word out to residents.
- Pam Brady loves the idea and would like it to be more educational.
- Mike Brady would like to see it planted with native plants, and has concerns with upkeep of the gardens.
- Casey Colussi asked what the costs would be. Kristin was unsure of what the costs would be.
- Akshitha Sahu said that she knows of students that have interests in gardening.
- Kristin Franklin would like City Council to see her presentation.
- Elaine Bo noted that the plan would have to go before City Staff and add costs before going to Council.
- Tim asked what the steps would be to move forward, and Elaine noted Shannon would email the Parks and Recreation Park Board the presentation as well as herself, Brian Goul, and Dennis Trantham. Dennis would review and discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Final
Troy Nature Society Annual Report

February 18, 2021

- Only had to take \$20,000 out of the Endowment Fund.
- They did rather well even though they were shut down due to the pandemic.

Troy Family Aquatic Center Report

- City Staff sent information in fall of 2020 to Council on substantial repair needed to be done.
- City Staff recommended the closing of Troy Family Aquatic Center if the department couldn't get funding. The repairs are costing more than the revenue that comes in.
- City Council wanted to move forward with opening the Troy Family Aquatic Center for the 2021 season.
- It is up to City Council to say how much they want to spend on the Troy Family Aquatic Center.

Old Business

- None

Member Comments

- None

Staff Reports

Elaine Bo

- Elaine and Brian along with upper management have been working on a new Agreement with Camp Ticonderoga. Their contract is set to expire in May. Looking to do two five-year extensions.
- Elaine and Brian are working on Budget to bring to the April 15, 2021 Parks and Recreation Board Meeting for recommendation to go to City Council with it.
- This is Elaine's last meeting as she is retiring March 5, 2021 after 29 years of service.

Brian Goul

- Programming plans include fitness classes, open swim for families, family time in the gym and pool, daddy daughter swim, camps will take place this summer, and outdoor senior programming.
- We are hoping to have room rentals start again soon.
- Banquet rooms and the dining room are getting new carpets.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm.


Mike Brady, Chairperson


Shannon Louwaert, Recording Secretary