

A Meeting of the Troy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023 in room 303 of the Troy Community Center.

Mike Brady called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Mike Brady, Pam Brady, Casey Colussi, Timothy Fulcher, Jasper Gill, Brian Goul, Kelly Martin, Vinodh Mudaliar, Nikki McEachern, Dennis Trantham

Absent: Aanya Shah, John Shepard

Visitors: Virginia Levasseur, Katie Hughes, Nicola Artese, Bill Rhodes, Sydney Taylor, Katherine Gallihagh, Julia Trantham

Public Comments: Introduction of visitors

Virginia Levasseur – Here to learn more about the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Bill Rhodes – Has been a Troy resident for 33 years and is the chairman of the Friends of Troy Seniors.

Sydney Taylor and Katherine Gallihagh – High School students here to learn more about their community for their AP government class.

Nicola Artes – Here to learn more about the community.

Julia Trantham – Dennis Trantham's daughter here for take your child to work day.

Approval of Minutes:

Resolution # PR - 2023 - 04 – 002

RESOLVED, that the minutes of February 09, 2023 are approved as amended.

Moved by Mike Brady

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business: None

New Business:

2023-2024 Budget

- Budget was presented to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Recommended to City Council with no changes.

Moved by Mike Brady

Seconded by Kelly Martin

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Member Comments:

- Vinodh Mudaliar inquired about the re-carpeting of the cricket pitch being included in the budget.
- Dennis Trantham stated that it was an operating expense and it would be completed sometime after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- Jasper Gill inquired about the park's bathroom being locked at night. Stated he see's heavy traffic at night and there being vandalism at some of the park's bathrooms.
- Dennis Trantham stated that on week nights the park attendant's lock the bathrooms before they leave. During the weekend park attendant's leave before the park is closed. Therefore, the bathroom's stay open Saturday and Sunday night.
- Jasper Gill asked Dennis if he has seen any of the damage to the park's bathrooms.
- Dennis stated that in the six years that he has been here Brinston Park is the only bathroom he has seen vandalized. Stated there was a lot of damage with the commode's and sink's being blown up, resulting in the bathroom's being closed for 6-8 weeks for repairs.

Staff Reports:

Brian Goul

- Stated that the staff has been very busy dealing with all the maintenance projects and updates. Will be getting HVAC system & boiler replaced within the next couple weeks.
- Final part of the new roof at the community center is taking place right now.
- New preschool playground is almost complete and we will have a ribbon cutting coming up for anyone who would like to attend.
- TFAC is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend. Waiting on new pumps to be installed which could delay the opening by a week or two.
- We have selected a contractor for The Ice Rink and we will be moving forward with construction once the bid is awarded. The hope is to have it open in mid-December.

Nikki McEachern

- Shared our department goals as a staff for the 2023 year.
- Stated that the staff has been gearing up for the summer. Registration has opened for some of our summer programs already. Summer camp registration is already almost full.
- Summer recreation guides will be hitting mailboxes the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration for the rest of the summer programs will open May 16<sup>th</sup> for residents and May 18<sup>th</sup> for non-residents.
- TFAC passes will be going on sale May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Stated the recreation department will be participating in a lot of outreach at different places in the community to get the word out on our programs and services.

#### Dennis Trantham

- Stated staffing levels are about 80 percent for seasonal employees.
- Gave the following updates on capital improvement projects for the fiscal year 2023:
  - Community Center playground is new. They are finishing up installing the synthetic turf and it will be complete.
  - Beach Road Park will be receiving a new play structure and synthetic turf. Expected to be completed mid-May.
  - Flynn Park had to be redone. Expected to be complete by end of June.
- Working on adding natural gas to park restrooms to add heating and keeping them open year-round.
- Sylvan Glen Lake Park was awarded a 1.5 million grant for future amenities. The plan is to add a pavilion, playground, and fishing pier with the grant money.
- Inclusive Park development update – Noise study was completed and we exceeded the allowable number of decibels. Oakland County wants us to complete a soil and environmental study, which we are in the works of starting.
- Working on replacing parts of the boardwalk at the Nature Center.
- Demolished the house next to the Historic Village.
- Adding two new full-time positions in 2024 to the parks department, a laborer and an arborist.
- Athletic field improvements will be happening in 2024. New scoreboard and bases at Flynn Park.
- Looking to upgrade a lot of our gas-powered handheld equipment into battery powered.
- Flynn Park and Brinston Park roof replacement are on the books for 2024.
- A new cricket field at Raintree Park is in the budget for 2024 pending a grant approval.
- Applying for a grant to upgrade the Boulan Park tennis lights to LED.
- At the farm both barns, portable classroom, and restrooms are set to be demolished this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm.



Mike Brady, Chairperson



Corey Clark, Recording Secretary