

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**February 25, 2013 – 6 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Espich.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**Roll Call** was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

**Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioners Tim Alderman, and Nikki Hathaway.

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Chavora.

**Others Present:** Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Paul and Pam Early, Splash Pad Advocates.

Chairman Espich welcomed new Commissioner Nikki Hathaway to her first meeting.

**Approve Agenda for February 25, 2013:**

**A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Hathaway.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes from January 28, 2013 meeting:**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Hathaway.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Public / Board Comments:** None

**Communications:**

1. Staff memorandum
2. January 28, 2013 minutes
3. CIS Trail information
4. Map: Lions Park

**Business:**

**1. Splash Pad Update**

Mr. Paul Early stated he had five concerns regarding the splash pad.

1. Waterlines status. Does the city have the materials?
2. Have the volunteers and contractors been contacted?
3. Are all the parts accounted for and are the additional kits ordered to have two or three pads?
4. Are the permits ready?
5. Who is taking charge of the project and who is responsible for the project?

Mrs. Early stated we have \$11,618.20 left and they want to spend it in soon, so this doesn't drag on.

Chairman Espich shared that Dave Acton stated that the state commented that the tank was too high or too low. Based on the weather and ground conditions, they expect to assemble in the month of May.

Mr. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, said that Dave Acton is the project manager and is coordinating the volunteers. The city will do whatever is needed to be done for the water line.

Mr. Early stated the tank is in his front yard and everything else is at Owosso Pool. He wants to push units two and three. Mr. Zettel asked if we wanted to put one of those units in another area of Shiawassee County or Owosso, or are these destined only for Bentley Park.

Mrs. Early replied that we might want two at Bentley Park and another elsewhere. We need to purchase now and we need to match the permit.

Chairman Espich said we need to make applications for two more. Mr. Early stated with the money on hand, there is enough for two more kits. 6:27 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Early left the meeting.

## **2. CIS Trail Connector Update**

Mr. Zettel received the draft today. The Friends of the Meijer CIS Trailway Steering Committee prefer the northerly and central routes. The northerly being Delaney to King / Oliver to Miner Pathway. The Central is Chipman to Stewart to the river. This rules out the southerly route to Laingsburg. Ron Baker wants to have a Steering Committee meeting with the consultant and then proceed with grant applications. The local trail estimates range from \$950,000 to 1.2 million. This path will have a wide range of use so path materials are still in discussion. Good locations to pull out would be city hall parking lot or near the Armory close to the Farmers Market.

There was discussion about it being done this summer. Commissioner Alderman noted that hard bikers will go straight through Owosso on M-21. Families will want to go under the bridges, to the Art Center, the Farmers Market, down by the water, etc.

Mr. Zettel will get new maps and detailed costs. He suggests that Owosso might be a good place for spending the night with the hotel and B&B's with a lot of activities and way finding signage to Collamer Park. There was general agreement with the commission. The time is right for city-wide bike lane availability with the healthy lifestyle and the price of gas.

## **3. Lions Park**

Chairman Espich had a friend ask him about the condition of the Lions Park. People used to play Little League games there. He had a group approach him about revitalizing the park and maybe installing some new equipment. They are willing to do the work and with maybe some assistance from the city.

Mr. Zettel stated that Mr. Mark Sedlak, Department of Public Works Director, is willing to work with them. He would permit some work done by other groups and may help with a backhoe occasionally. Probably would not be able to do new structures. Once the first step is accomplished, it may be easier to try some fundraising. The rail line is gone, but they still own the property.

Board Comments:

Mr. Zettel stated that the new land purchase off Vandekarr Road will involve input from the Parks and Recreation Commission. They may expand the industrial park; use some of the property for a campground or residential.

*Approved March 25, 2013*

**Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. until March 25, 2013.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

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Adam Zettel, Secretary

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