

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
August 26, 2013 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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; Commissioners Tim Alderman; Nikki Hathaway and Kristen Woodbury.

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Jeff Selbig.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Carol Soule, Shiawassee Community Foundation. Mr. Paul Early arrived 6:07 p.m.

Approve Agenda for August 26, 2013:

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Business Item # 1 – Presentation by Carol Soule from the Shiawassee Community Foundation and to strike Item # 4, was made by Commissioner Hathaway and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from July 22, 2013 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Hathaway and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. July 22, 2013 minutes

Business:

1. Carol Soule, Executive Director, Shiawassee Community Foundation.

Ms. Carol Soule, Executive Director of the Shiawassee Community Foundation distributed a statement and folder from the Foundation. She administers about \$5 million and each fund is per the original donor requests. They will handle the funds for the Disc Golf as an Agency Fund – she reviewed the procedure. Disc Golf Course money is all spendable funds – Paul Schluckebier is the manager.

2. The Splash Pad.

Per Mr. Zettel, this is still a work in progress. The city will do the sidewalks. All the materials have been paid for. Water and electric needs to be run yet. There are many different professional volunteers and they have had to be coordinated. This is a very big undertaking and there are over runs with a second spray pad. Mr. Paul Early noted the delay in the first half was the trenching. Right now they are waiting

on the completion of the trenching. They also had to hook up final electrical and plumbing. The kits lacked all of the plastic plumbing so we had to buy those. The DEQ requires extra ultraviolet lighting – none of that wiring was part of the kit. The best estimate is that \$3-4,000 range to finish it up.

David from Nash Nursery will be brining in cobblestone rocks to keep kids on the sidewalks and avoid grass mowing – this maybe an extra cost.

Commissioner Alderman said this has been a great project and applauds Mr. Early for the efforts and his passion.

Mr. Early suggested cameras that go to city hall for the splash pad, bathrooms, and tennis courts for surveillance. Commissioner Alderman hopes that it can be illuminated first. Chairman Espich suggests that signs be installed that express vandalism will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the extent of the law.

3. Disc Golf Course.

Mr. Early commented that disc golf is a great addition and appreciates the support of the city. Chairman Espich stated that yesterday was the park build. The city provided materials and water and city workers. He thanked the city for their efforts. There was a lot of man labor. Food was donated from Val's Pizza and Domino's.

Commissioner Hathaway showed pictures of the sample Michigan shaped tee pad with six completed at this point in the Rosevear Park.

4. Bentley Park Improvements

Mostly completed; trees to be planted; some painting to be done. The doors were tampered with and there will be a camera in that area around the bathrooms. Police may unlock them in the morning and lock them in the evening; it may vary depending on the weather. If it's severe, we may have to use the key only when the pavilion is rented.

Chairman Espich went back to Item # 1 and suggested it be recommended to the Council.

Commissioner Hathaway suggested that Mr. Zettel recommends project by project; and possible additional money for the splash pad.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and was supported by Commissioner Hathaway. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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