

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
April 22, 2013 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Selbig.

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

Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioners Tim Alderman, and Sherri Chavora.

Members Absent: Chairman Michael Espich; and Commissioner Nikki Hathaway.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Paul Early, Advocate for the Splash Pad; Ron Baker, Advocate for the Rails to Trails project.

Approve Agenda for April 22, 2013:

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

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from March 25, 2013 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. Paul Early reminded the board that he still had the 1,000 gallon tank and other items for the splash pad in his yard. The permit is in the final steps of approval and will probably be done in May. It is in the same place as it has been for the last few months – waiting on the DEQ. Each permit for each unit will need to be separately applied for to the DEQ.

6:18 p.m. Mr. Early left. Discussion continued about possibly needing bike racks after the board sees the use of the splash pads.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. March 25, 2013 minutes
3. Trail connector study (electronic)
4. Trail update (Ron Baker)

Business:

1. Bentley Park and Disc Golf Update

Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, noted that the council has approved the bid for \$98,000 for all the projects at Bentley Park. The goal is to have them done by July 1, 2013 from the grant. The city work will be completed as the Department of Public Works has

time. The playscape dedication, summer project, and splash pad should all be pretty much done by mid-summer.

Mr. Zettel also stated the disc golf was approved by the Council. Commissioner Chavora stated \$516 was raised on Saturday at the plunge at Hopkins Lake.

2. CIS Trail Connector Presentation

Mr. Ron Baker is involved with a group that is getting together to work with “Rails to Trails” with the abandoned railroad tracks from Lowell to Smith Road. The plan is to bring it into Owosso to the James Miner River Trail. MDOT has agreed to put up bike route and share the road signs. Mr. Baker described both the northern and southern routes through Owosso.

A motion to recommend approval of the northern route was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public / Board Comments: None

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. until Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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