PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Regular Meeting

Macomb Gardens Park

August 21, 2006
7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
PRESENT:

Chairperson	Dominic Miglio
Board Members	Beth Aiuto
	Gary Goodin
	Carey Harris
	Pam Morency
	George Rollinger
	Richard Taylor
	Steve Truman
	Morris Wilson

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:
Tony Lipinski, Recreation Director
Janet Gerebics, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dominic Miglio at 7:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call - (See face page)

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting, July 10, 2006.

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER PAM MORENCY seconded to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2006 regular meeting with the correction showing that Board Members Harris and Morency were present and Board Member Truman was absent.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Disbursement

The board members discussed the disbursements.

IV. Public Hearing (Comments from residents about Macomb Gardens Park)

Regionald Orr, 17520 Oakdale, asked about the installation of workout equipment and updating the horseshoe pits. Mr. Orr questioned the park's closing time. The signs show 10:00 p.m., but police officers have closed the park earlier and occasionally have tended to be rude to the park goers. (Board Member Steve Truman informed Mr. Orr that he would speak to Chief Heinz. Mr. Truman also told Mr. Orr that it would be helpful if he had the name or badge number of the officer he feels is harassing the park goers.) Mr. Orr complimented the park attendants and D.P.W. workers for keeping the park clean and well maintained.

Virginia Jones, 25340 Macomb, asked if the damaged and missing swings were going to be replaced. (Mr. Lipinski stated that the swings are scheduled to be replaced with belt swings.)

Robert Bacon, 17748 Oakdale asked for more supervision at the basketball courts. He would also like to see signs posted to remind the players about using abusive language.

Ruth Green, 17812 Oakdale, would like to see lights at the park especially around the basketball courts so that the residents can use the park until 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Orr and Mr. Bacon stated that a number of homeless people will sleep in the park and often drink alcoholic beverages during the night.

Alonzo Glenn, 25350 Blair, is concerned about with the use of alcohol and drugs at the park along with gambling. He does not allow his children to come to the park unsupervised.

Lashawn Glenn, 25350 Blair, stated that a young woman threatened to stab her son a couple of years ago. She has also seen gambling and drinking at the park.

Connie Greba, 25110 Lawn, walks the park daily and likes the idea that alcohol is not supposed to be in the park.

Shirley Rollins, 17717 Oakdale, asked about park supervision and programs at Macomb Gardens. (Mr. Lipinski stated that a park attendant is scheduled at the park Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Some of their duties are to police the park, pick up litter and to open the bathrooms. The Summer Day Camp program used to be at Macomb Gardens, but due to budget constraints this program was reduced to the three largest parks and the most participants.)

V. Communications

The board members discussed the communications.

Board Member Harris complimented Tony and his staff on the outstanding inspection report from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services. For the second year in a row, the inspection showed that the Roseville Parks & Recreation Day Camp was in compliance with applicable licensing statutes and administrative rules. The letter also stated that "there were no rule violations".

Board Member Aiuto echoed the compliments to Tony and his staff.

VI. Reports of Committees

- Rotary Park Committee (C. Harris, R. Taylor, M. Wilson, and G. Goodin)

  Mr. Lipinski stated that the committee has not met, but he had received an email forwarded from Councilman Aiuto from a resident who had favorable comments about activities at Rotary Park. The damaged restroom door has been replaced.

  Board Members Harris and Morency visited Rotary Park after the last meeting and talked to the park goers and residents. The comments were that things seem to be calming down.

  Board Member Aiuto feels that the board should have a follow up meeting at Rotary.

BOARD MEMBER RICHARD TAYLOR moved, BOARD MEMBER PAM MORENCY seconded to hold the September 18 meeting at Rotary Park.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business before the Board.

VIII. New Business

A. Presentation by Center Line Youth Baseball & Softball Association to the Roseville Parks & Recreation Board.

No one was present from the Center Line Youth Baseball & Softball Association.

B. Request approval to purchase two scoreboards for large gym with sponsorship by Meijer and Roseville Youth Basketball.

Mr. Lipinski explained that two donations of $3,900.00 were received from Meijer and the Roseville Youth Basketball. These sponsorship donations will cover the purchase of two scoreboards for the large gym. A Certificate of Appreciation will be presented to Meijer and Roseville Youth Basketball for their generous donations.

BOARD MEMBER GARY GOODIN moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded to approve the purchase two scoreboards for the large gym with sponsorship donations received from Meijer and Roseville Youth Basketball.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Discuss and/or action on request to remove a portion of the east hedges at Veterans Memorial Park.

Mr. Lipinski stated that he received a request from Acting D.P.W. Director Kevin Walewski to remove a portion of the east hedges at Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Walewski's reason for this request is to improve the view, assist in park maintenance and clean up.

The board members would like to visit the park and get the opinion of the local residents before making the decision to approve the request to remove these hedges.

BOARD MEMBER STEVE TRUMAN moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded the motion to table this item to the September meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Request from Donna Zatkoff to host a "mock dog show" at Veterans Memorial Park on October 1 with a waiver of the fees.

Mr. Lipinski explain Ms. Zatkoff's request to use Memorial Park.

Board Member Aiuto asked if the Recreation Center or Dooley Park might be a more suitable location.

BOARD MEMBER BETH AIUTO moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded the approval of the request from Donna Zatkoff to use the park most suited to her needs and contingent to her producing the proper insurance documents.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Update on MNRTF Grant Application for Huron Park.

Mr. Lipinski informed the board that the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) was received and more information has been requested before it could be approved. He said the information will be gathered and forwarded to MNRTF before the deadline. He will keep the board apprised of the status of the application.

IX. Report of Director

Tony Lipinski discussed the following items:

a. Mr. Lipinski thanked Mark and Jeff for their help at this evening's meeting and all the hard work they do keeping the park clean and well maintained.
b. Over this past weekend, there were problems at Memorial Park, Huron Park and Macomb Gardens, but they were handled today.
c. The newsletter was printed and mailed. It shows the pending upcoming fall programs. All programs are pending with the approval of the millage.
d. On August 15 the Macomb County Senior Service sponsored a program on Safe, Sound and Secure. Mayor Haugh, Sheriff Hackel and Procesuting Attorney Eric Smith were among the people who were there to offer information and assistance.
e. Two bike racks have been acquired; one will be placed at the Recreation Center and it has not been determined where the other one will be placed at this time.
f. A member of the Senior Hi Steps donated a refrigerator to the Recreation Center.
g. Parks & Recreation is among the pilot program for the Vision, Insight and Planning (VIP). The idea is to bring the recreation departments in the state together to focus in a common direction.
h. Summer Day Camp has been completed and again was very successful.
i. Preschool registration will be on August 28.
j. Academy of Soo Do Thai will be holding their Martial Arts Tournament this weekend at the Recreation Center.

k. Family Night at the Movies will be on Saturday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. featuring “Madagascar” at the Recreation Center.

l. Mr. Lipinski thanked Board Member Aiuto and the Roseville Optimist Club for their continued support and sponsorship. The Optimist Club has donated $2,650.00 towards the support of different recreation programs including the movie “Madagascar”.

m. Mr. Lipinski thanked the residents for coming to the park and assured them that their comments would be looked into.

X. Discussion by Board Members

Board Member Aiuto thanked the residents for coming to the meeting at the park and assured them that their comments will not be ignored. She stated that the children involved in the Summer Day Camp Program have so much fun; they do not want the camp to end.

All of the board members thanked the residents for coming this evening and sharing their input and for helping keep an eye on the park.

Chairperson Miglio thanked the residents for their participation and invited them to the monthly meetings at the Recreation Center.

XI. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER GARY GOODIN moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded, that the agenda having been acted upon the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Rae A. Oldaugh, City Clerk

PLEASE NOTE: A cassette tape of this meeting is on file in the City Clerk’s Office for further information.