PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Regular Meeting

18185 Sycamore St.
Conference Room
Roseville, Michigan
(586) 445-5480

Monday, December 15, 2008
7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
PRESENT:

Chairperson	Charles Frontera
Board Members	Carey Harris
	Dominic Miglio
	Pamela Morency
	Steve Truman
	Morris Wilson
	Cary Zeiter
ABSENT:	Gary Goodin (excused)
	George Rollinger (excused)

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

Due to the absence of Chairman Gary Goodin, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Charles Frontera at 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call - (See face page)

II. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 17, 2008.

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER PAM MORENCY seconded to approve the minutes from November 17, 2008.
Abstain: Cary Zeiter
MOTION CARRIED

III. Disbursement

The board members discussed the disbursements.

IV. Public Hearing

No one from the public wished to be heard.

V. Communications

The board members discussed the communications.

VI. Reports of Committees

There are no committees in service at this time.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business before the Board.

VIII. New Business

A. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Chris Hamilla for Eagle Scout Project.

Director Lipinski presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Chris Hamilla for the completion of his Eagle Scout project. Chris planned, designed, financed and supervised the construction of four park benches. Two benches were placed at Rotary Park and two more at Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Lipinski mentioned that this project was one of the best Eagle Scout projects that has been done and will benefit park goers for years to come. Mr. Lipinski also mentioned that Chris donated the excess money he raised for this project for the paint that will be used in the Spring.

Scout Chris Hamilla showed the Board pictures of the benches.

The entire Board thanked and congratulated Chris on a job well done.

B. Update on building distress evaluation.

Board Member Steve Truman stated that there was a meeting with the engineers from McDowell Associates concerning the movement of the building. New monitors have been placed to check other areas of concern. The building is ***SAFE***. The building is moving, but no one can give any reason for the movement. A different engineering company will be contacted in the spring for their opinion. Thus far, none of the engineering companies that have been contacted can give a reason for the movement or a solution on how it needs to be repaired.

When repairs need to be done, Mr. Truman assured the Board that these repairs would be paid out of the Capital Project budget and not the Recreation Department's budget.

Mr. Truman reiterated that the building is **SAFE** for use.

C. Review and discuss cellular lease purchase proposals.

Mr. Truman reviewed proposals submitted for the purchase rental stream to the cellular lease held by the city. This may be a consideration for the future.

D. Review Fall Programs financials.

Mr. Lipinski reviewed the financials for the fall programs. All of the programs showed a profit.

E. Update on Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Proposal for Huron Park.

Mr. Lipinski announced with great pleasure that the grant request for improvements to Huron Park was approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund in the amount of $320,000. Once the paperwork has been signed, an engineer will be contacted to develop a plan for Huron Park and work should be started in the spring.

Mr. Truman and the other board members congratulated Mr. Lipinski for all of his hard work over the past three years during the application process. Along with Mr. Lipinski, State Senator Mickey Switalski and future State Representative Haugh attended a MNRTF hearing in Lansing and voiced their support of this project.

IX. Report of Director

Director Tony Lipinski discussed the following items:

a. The tree lighting ceremony was held on December 4. Even though it was cold, there was a large turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Pete Provenzano once again did a great job coordinating the different volunteers and departments for a successful event.
b. The Stress Management by Hypnosis was cancelled due to low enrollment.
c. Boys Elementary Basketball has started. There are approximately 13 teams registered to play.
d. The city calendar is at the printer and will hopefully be sent to the post office by Monday or Tuesday of next week.
e. There has been some graffiti at Veterans Memorial Park; the police have been notified to keep a watch on the park.

f. The last City Council meeting for Mayor Haugh will be December 23. Everyone is invited to a reception prior to the meeting.
g. There will be a Neighborhood Watch panel discussion meeting at Erin Auditorium on January 12 at 7 p.m. for concerned residents from 10 Mile to Frazho and Hayes to Gratiot.
h. Thanks again to Chris Hamilla for a great job on his Eagle Project.

X. Discussion by Board Members

The entire Board complimented and thanked Chris Hamilla for an excellent Eagle Scout project. They also thanked and congratulated Director Lipinski on all of his hard work securing the MNRTF Grant for improvements at Huron Park. Acting Chairman Frontera was complimented for a good job chairing his first meeting.

Everyone wished each other a happy holiday season.

Board Member Miglio inquired about the status of the P.A.I.R.-sponsored statue for the Recreation building. Mr. Truman explained that there have been problems with the artist and he will not be finishing the project and another artist will be sought. A $2500 deposit was given and measures are being looked at to recover this money.

Acting Chairman Frontera reminded everyone of the 50th Anniversary Dinner-Dance on December 30, 2008.

XI. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER PAM MORENCY seconded the motion that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:23 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Steenland, City Clerk

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