PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Regular Meeting

18185 Sycamore St.
Huron Park Pavilion
Roseville, Michigan
(586) 445-5480

Monday, August 18, 2008
7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
PRESENT:

Chairperson	Dominic Miglio
Board Members	Charles Frontera
	Gary Goodin
	Carey Harris
	Pamela Morency
	Steve Truman
	Morris Wilson
	Cary Zeiter

ABSENT: George Rollinger (excused)

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

Chairperson Nick Miglio called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

I. Roll Call - (See face page)

II. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 16, 2008.

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER GARY GOODIN seconded to approve the minutes from June 16, 2008.

Abstain: Pam Morency
MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 14, 2008.

BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FRONTERA moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded to approve the minutes from July 14, 2008.

Abstain: Pam Morency
Steve Truman
MOTION CARRIED

III. Disbursement

The board members discussed the disbursements.

IV. Public Hearing

James Goldwater, 19346 Brandt, voiced the following concerns:

- Free recreation programs.
- More programs for teenagers.
- The status of the cracks in the recreation building.
- Televising all board meetings.
- Why the building is not used more often?

Edward Wojciechowski, 26080 Linwood, questioned the repair of the parking lot near Martin and Kelly.

Ken Waldorf, 18400 Marquette, thanked the board for bringing the meeting to the neighbors. Mr. Waldorf asked if the City was aware of the homeless using the park at night and the park being used for drug deals. He is concerned that the playground equipment at Huron Park is unsafe.

Director Lipinski explained that this type of playground equipment is modeled after European equipment to give extra challenges for upper and lower body strengthening to the children. It is more vandal proof. The Huron Park Principal stated that the children used this structure more than the school's equipment.

Albert Lipinski, 18545 Marquette, stated that even if a program is free to the participant the supervisors and staff members need to be paid. Programs have been set up for teens, but there is very little participation.

Director Tony Lipinski explained that the recreation building is in constant use. The summer programs ended last week so it may seem that there is nothing going on right now, but the activity will pick up again in a couple of weeks when the fall programs begin.

Sarah Abbey, 26827 Linwood, questioned why the senior activities are not posted or advertised. She also complained about paying a membership fee at the senior center.

Gerry Wietecha, 26601 Pattow, feels that Roseville is doing a heck of a job compared to the surrounding cities. Taxes have not been raised for ten years, but they had to be raised to continue our services.

Karen Wilson, 26486 Collingwood, concerned with the homeless people in the park. Children are being approached and homeowners are being followed home. Please bring this to the attention of the police department. There is no membership fee for the senior center, only for the use of the exercise equipment, all other activities are free.

Gerald Sanscartier, 25844 Collingwood, reiterated that no fees are charged at the senior center. The only fee is for the use of the exercise equipment. Mr. Sanscartier suggested having schedule for senior activities posted on the city website and/or the cable channel.

Board Member Steve Truman explained that the city's fall newsletter was taken to the post office and will be delivered to each home in the city of Roseville this week. The newsletter will contain the schedule for all activities from the senior center and recreation department.

Lucille Piach, 26650 Chippendale, stated that the City Library has information on different activities.

Shelley Butler, 26064 Pattow, questioned if there were plans to install a walking and bike path at Huron Park.

Mike Clover, 16279 12 Mile, asked about kids skateboarding or hanging out at Huron Park.

Director Lipinski explained that the park closes at 10 p.m. and no one should be in the park at that time. The police will be asked to do drive-bys and watch the park after hours activities in the park.

Don Rogers, 26151 Ronald, stated that since the cameras have been installed problems have lessened. Mr. Rogers asked what the future plans for Huron Park are.

Director Lipinski explained that a grant application has been submitted to the State of Michigan requesting funds for the development of Huron Park. The plans are to install a bike and walking path around the entire park, tree plantings, expansion of the south parking lot, and paving the auxiliary parking lot and develop a skate park. Mr. Lipinski also noted that fees charged are less than fees charged in other communities. It is necessary to charge fees to cover overhead costs, supervisory costs and liability costs. Mr. Lipinski thanked everyone for coming and would welcome comments at all times.

Martin Zaporski , 17969 Glendale, stated that the park is "Rocking". It is way better than it was years ago. He is especially happy to see people using the park for walking, biking, playing. Mr. Zaporski complimented the Parks and Recreation for the great job being done with this park and anxious to see the improvements once the grant has been approved. "Great job and kudos to all involved."

Barb Miglio, 26729 Kaiser, co-chairperson for the 50th Anniversary committee, announced upcoming city activities:

- September 28th will be the Roseville Fire Department Open House,
- October 18th Project Art In Roseville (P.A.I.R.) will be sponsoring a Sock Hop at St. Donald's Parish,
- Sometime in October or November the statue commissioned by P.A.I.R. will be dedicated at the Parks and Recreation building,
- November 9th will be the 30th Annual Big Bird Run,
- On December 30 will be the 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance at Athena Hall. The ladies at the Senior Center are making the center pieces for the dinner dance.

Don Small, 19396 Martin, stated that he has worked as a park attendant for the past 21 years and has received comments "Roseville has the best ball fields in the county".

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 Home Depot of Roseville for donating and installing three park benches at Kiwanis Park.

Director Lipinski introduced Jordie Wright from the Roseville Home Depot. Mr. Lipinski stated that Ms. Wright contacted him and asked if she and fellow workers could donate the material, build and install three benches at their local park, Kiwanis Park. Mr. Lipinski presented Ms. Wright with a Certificate of Appreciation.

B. Request from Liberty Tax Service to offer tax classes at the Recreation Center with waiver of fees.

Director Lipinski explained the request from Liberty Tax Service. This class will be free to Roseville residents with the exception of cost for materials. There is room availability for this is a daytime program. The program would run twice a week for ten weeks. In lieu of the waiver of fees, Mr. Lipinski suggested entering into a contractual agreement because this class could eventually create job opportunities to residents.

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER PAM MORENCY seconded the motion to allow Liberty Tax Service to offer tax classes and allow Mr. Lipinski to enter into a contractual program.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Request from Paula Garchow, Moms 2B, to offer a Prenatal Exercise class for expectant mothers at the current 68%/32% contractual agreement.

Director Lipinski explained the request from Paula Garchow to offer a Prenatal Exercise class.

BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FRONTERA moved, BOARD MEMBER STEVE TRUMAN seconded the motion to offer a Prenatal Exercise class at the current contractual agreement.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Update on Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for Huron Park improvements.

Director Lipinski gave an update on the status of the grant application for Huron Park. The packet has been received and reviewed by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The packet is complete for improvements at Huron Park, but there are a couple of places they M.N.R.T.F. would like a little more information. It was suggested that mentioning the planting of natural trees would be helpful when the supplemental packet that will be sent to the Department of Natural Resources. We will also send a letter to our local Representative and State Senator asking for their help to advocate the grant application.

E. Request from Pastor Amo, Calvary Chapel Macomb Church, to hold Art-in-the-Park Outreach at Veterans Memorial Park on October 12, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Director Lipinski explained the request from Pastor Amo, Calvary Chapel Macomb Church, to hold an Art-in-the-Park Outreach at Veterans Memorial Park. This will be the third year for this event. Mr. Lipinski explained that a Certificate of Liability will be provided, music will not be nuisance to the neighbors, the park will be cleaned up after and he has not had any complaints in the past.

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER GARY GOODIN seconded the motion to approve the request of Pastor Amo for the use of Veterans Memorial Park on October 12, 2008.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. Election of Officers.

1. Chairperson

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER PAM MORENCY seconded the motion to nominate Gary Good as Chairperson.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Vice-Chairperson

BOARD MEMBER GARY GOODIN moved, BOARD MEMBER NICK MIGLIO seconded the motion to the nominate Charles Frontera as Vice-Chairperson.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. Report of Director

Tony Lipinski discussed the following items:

a. Thanked all the neighbors for attending and reminded them that they can call him at the Recreation Department with their concerns.
b. The City Fall Newsletter has been delivered to the post office and should be delivered to the residents shortly.
c. Registration starts Monday, August 25th for the Fall-Winter programs.
d. Summer programs ended last week. A copy of the survey and comments will be in next month's packet.
e. September 13 will be the Family Night at the Movies at the Recreation Center. Hopefully, the movie will be ***"The Bee Movie"*** and it will start at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring their blankets, picnic baskets and movie snacks to watch the free movie.

f. Congratulations to Gary and Charles on their nominations and elections to Chairperson and Co-Chairperson.

X. Discussion by Board Members

All of the board member thanked the residents for attending tonight's meeting and encouraged everyone to stay involved with their park. Everyone extended congratulations to Mr. Goodin and Mr. Frontera for the election to Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Board Member Gary Goodin complimented the Park Attendant, George, at Dooley Park for his helpfulness last Saturday to Gary and his family. The fees charged by this department are nominal fees and just to cover our cost. Thank the board for the election to Chairperson.

Board Member Charles Frontera thanked the Board for electing him to the Vice Chair position.

Board Member Steve Truman thanked everyone for coming and for their comments and concerns about the park. Mr. Truman assured the residents that he would speak to Police Chief Pachla first thing Tuesday morning about the homeless issue. Mr. Truman would like to have an overview of the structure issue at the Recreation building on the October agenda. Mr. Truman assured the residents that money has been separately set aside in the budget for the building repair and improvements Huron Park once the grant has been approved. Mr. Truman also advised the Board of a personnel issue that had been included in their July correspondence. This item should not have been included in the packet and the matter has been discussed with the employee as well as the Union. We will not include personnel issues in future Board packets.

Board Member Pam Morency thanked Jordie Wright and the other Home Depot employees for the donation of the benches at Kiwanis Park.

Chairperson Miglio mentioned that a scholarship program is offered by the Roseville Optimist Club for children who meet the criteria for and are unable to pay for program fees.

XI. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER GARY GOODIN moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded the motion that the agenda having been acted upon the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:10 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.