PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
Regular Meeting

18185 Sycamore St.
Conference Room
Roseville, Michigan
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Monday, July 13, 2009
7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:	George Rollinger (excused)
	Cary Zeiter (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Recreation Director	Tony Lipinski

Chairman Gary Goodin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

I. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FRONTERA moved, BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS seconded to excuse absent Board Members George Rollinger and Morris Wilson.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

II. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 15, 2009.

BOARD MEMBER CAREY HARRIS moved, BOARD MEMBER NICK MIGLIO seconded to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 15, 2009.

Abstain: Board Member Morris Wilson
MOTION CARRIED

III. Disbursement

The Board Members discussed the disbursements and Director Tony Lipinski answered questions for the Board.

IV. Public Hearing

A young lady named Kiki, 29665 Utica, Apt 103, reserved the pavilion at Rotary Park and asked if the Board will allow the basketball nets to be put in place for her son's birthday party.

Marilyn Zalewski, 29070 Pinehurst, stated that she does not feel safe at Rotary Park due to the behavior of the park patrons using the basketball nets and has noticed a positive difference since the Board removed the basketball nets.

Laura Cabble, 29911 Rosemont, discussed the basketball nets at Rotary Park and expressed concern over the permanent removal of the basketball nets. Parks and Recreation Director Tony Lipinski responded to Ms. Cabble's questions and concerns.

Mike Clover, 16279 12 Mile, discussed the use of the facilities at Huron Park, Veterans Memorial Park and Rotary Park. Mr. Clover commented that Rotary Park is quiet and comfortable now that the basketball nets are down and would like to see the Board permanently remove the nets at this park.

V. Communications

The board members discussed the communications and Director Tony Lipinski answered questions for the Board.

VI. Reports of Committees

There are no committees in service at this time.

VII. Unfinished Business

There is no Unfinished Business.

VIII. New Business

A. Request from Organizing for America to host a Town Hall meeting at the Recreation Center with a waiver of the fees.

Parks and Recreation Director Tony Lipinski introduced Kirk Tirakian, 17452 Utica Oaks Lane, who appeared on behalf of Organizing for America and explained the reason for this request.

Mr. Lipinski explained the rental rates are broken down into different categories, non-profit, resident/non-resident and private or political organizations.

Board Member Stephen Truman stated that the issue before the Board is whether to waive the fee for the rental; the room is available on the day requested by this group.

BOARD MEMBER NICK MIGLIO moved, BOARD MEMBER MORRIS WILSON seconded to deny the request from Organizing for America to waive the fees for room rental to host a Town Hall meeting at the Recreation Center.

OPPOSED: Board Member Charles Frontera
MOTION CARRIED

Board Member Stephen Truman explained that the City will supply officers on overtime for the presidential visit to Warren tomorrow and the City cannot afford to waive fees for this type of event for any political party.

Board Member Stephen Truman requested to switch items B&C on the agenda due to the fact that these two items are connected. The Board had no objection to this request.

B. Discuss Summer Youth Employment Program coordinated through Michigan Works.

Parks and Recreation Director Tony Lipinski explained that he has spoken with representatives from Michigan Works on this program. The program will benefit low income individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 who are seeking employment. Michigan Works will pay these individuals and the individuals may be employed as Park Attendants during the day. Michigan Works provides job coaches on site for the individuals in this program. Mr. Lipinski stated that this program is working so far with a few minor glitches and there are currently twelve ark attendants working for the City active in this program.

C. Discussion and/or action regarding Rotary Park.

Board Member Stephen Truman asked Parks and Recreation Director Tony Lipinski if he has received any phone calls about the issue of basketball nets. Mr. Lipinski stated that they have received a few phone calls in favor of the nets staying down and a few calls inquiring when and if the nets will be put back in place; Mr. Lipinski is not sure if the calls were from the kids using the nets or from the parents of the kids using the park.

Mr. Truman asked when the park attendant at Rotary Park is present and if the Board may set time for use of the nets. Mr. Lipinski responded that the attendant at this park

works from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and he is concerned with enforcing a time restriction on the use of the basketball nets.

Board Member Pamela Morency stated that she and Board Member Carey Harris visited Rotary Park after the Board voted to temporarily remove the nets. They spoke with the Park Attendant on duty and the attendant feels that the nets should stay up for the kids to play. The attendant stated that the older individuals who come to the park later in the evening are causing problems. Board Members Morency and Harris stated that if there was no parking after dark in the street by the Park then the parking lot could be chained off.

Board Member Charles Frontera commented that he was with Board Members Morency and Harris and stated that there are a few issues in the Park directly after school or after dark.

Board Member Truman stated that he supports the hoop being placed back up; however, the language and action of the patrons during the day must be corrected.

Kiki, 29665 Utica, Apt 103, commented on placing an age restriction on the use of the basketball nets. The Board explained that there is an issue with enforcing an age restriction on use of the basketball courts.

Ms. Cabble commented that the foul language occurs at all hours of the day while the courts are in use.

Mr. Lipinski stated that signs prohibiting foul language may be placed at the courts or we could impose an age restriction on use of the courts.

Mike Clover asked the Board if the Police Department has input on this issue. Mr. Truman stated that the police have responded to the park on several occasions and Mr. Lipinski has spoken with Deputy Police Chief Tony Cona about this issue.

Board Member Harris asked Mr. Lipinski if he received any comments from the pavilion renters at Rotary Park about the nets being down; Mr. Lipinski has received no comments from the renters other than the young lady present at the meeting this evening.

A question was raised by a member of the public whether the nets could be placed up on the weekends for the pavilion rentals. Mr. Lipinski explained that the nets would have to be put up on Friday and come down on Monday.

Chairperson Gary Goodin asked Mr. Lipinski for his opinion for placing a time limit on use of the basketball courts. Mr. Lipinski stated that this may be an issue to be explored. The issue of language, volume and behavior of the park patrons using the basketball courts has to be addressed; he is in favor of a time frame of use on the courts. Mr. Goodin feels that the nets should be replaced with a time restriction of play on the courts.

Board Member Nick Miglio feels that the nets should stay down because the patrons will still cause disruptions in the neighborhood.

The Board discussed this issue further.

BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FRONTERA moved, BOARD MEMBER STEPHEN TRUMAN seconded to place one set of basketball nets back up at Rotary Park with the stipulation that the basketball courts will close at 7 p.m. and the Parks and Recreation Director has the discretion to immediately remove the nets if any complaints are received about the use of the basketball courts at Rotary Park.

Opposed: Nick Miglio and Pamela Morency
MOTION CARRIED

D. Review of Recreation Center participation count.

Director Tony Lipinski provided the Board with an update on the number of people using the Recreation Center as follows:

Last two weeks of February	6,859
March	19,186
April	13,022
May	6,094
June	4,383
July to date	5,154

The two gyms bring the largest number of people; however, these numbers include all rentals and activities including the pre-school program.

E. Election of Officers

1. Chairperson

Board Member Carey Harris nominated Gary Goodin for Chairperson; Board Member Nick Miglio seconded the nomination. Mr. Goodin accepted the nomination.

2. Vice-Chairperson

Board Member Pam Morency nominated Board Member Cary Zeiter for Vice-Chairperson; however, Mr. Zieter was absent from the meeting this evening.

Board Member Carey Harris nominated Nick Miglio for Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Miglio declined the nomination.

Board Member Nick Miglio nominated Charles Frontera Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Frontera accepted the nomination.

Gary Goodin was elected Chairperson and Charles Frontera was elected Vice-Chairperson.

IX. Report of Director

Director Tony Lipinski had the following to report:

a. The Fireworks Celebration was held June 20 and everything went well. More people came to the park early this year and stayed throughout the day.
b. The Roseville Handicapped Association attended the Michigan Adventure Park for their annual trip.
c. The Roseville Handicapped Olympics were held at the Recreation Center July 11.
d. Mr. Lipinski received the project agreement for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and the City is proceeding with approval of the agreement.
e. The Recreation Department supervisors are implementing an "Employee of the Week" for part-time employees. This week's recipient is Carl Nieman, Senior Van Driver. Mr. Nieman saved a little girl from being hit by a car in Meijer's parking lot. Each "Employee of the Week" will receive a letter from Mr. Lipinski and their picture posted outside of the office at the Recreation Center.
f. Hillside Productions will sponsor a movie in the park in Veterans Memorial Park on Thursday, June 16 following the concert in the park.
g. Walk Michigan begins at 6 p.m. every Thursday in July prior to the Concerts in the Park.
h. Mr. Lipinski received a complaint from a resident about loud music and foul language in the Macomb Gardens Park parking lot; the park attendants will monitor the situation.
i. The City Newsletter is at the printers and should be in the mail to the residents by August 1st.
j. Mr. Lipinski will be out of the office the week of July 20 through 24. Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Bobbie Wilson will be present at the August Parks and Recreation Board meeting.
k. Parks and Recreation received a Certificate of Appreciation from the CARE Family Resource Network.

Board Member Nick Miglio asked Mr. Lipinski to provide him Mr. Nieman's Employee of the Week information so that he can take it to the Optimists Club.

X. Discussion by Board Members

Board Member Morris Wilson complimented Director Tony Lipinski on the good job he does as Director.

Board Member Nick Miglio had nothing to discuss.

Board Member Charles Frontera thanked residents who appeared at the meeting this evening, commented on the fireworks celebration, commented on Walk Michigan and thanked the Board for reappointing him as Vice-Chairperson.

Board Member Stephen Truman thanked the residents who appeared at the meeting this evening.

Board Member Pamela Morency thanked the residents who appeared at the meeting this evening and complimented one of the park attendants from Veterans Memorial Park.

Board Member Carey Harris had nothing to discuss.

Chairperson Gary Goodin thanked the Board for the reappointment as Chairperson, thanked the residents who appeared this evening, and commented on behavior of kids in the City parks.

XI. Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER STEPHEN TRUMAN moved, BOARD MEMBER CHARLES FRONTERA seconded that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:18 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Steenland, City Clerk