

**Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
James Harmon Community Center – 44 Main Street
Thursday, May 11, 2017 8pm**

MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Joanne Baecher-DiSalvo (Chair), Gene Calamari, John Dailey, David Downs, Angela Reeve
Matt Nordt (Superintendent)

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

Chris Scarglato, Hastings Boy Scout, shared an overview of his Eagle Scout project involving improvements at Draper Park. Chris is renovating the recycling bins and repairing the three benches, using funds he has raised as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. The improvements are due for completion in mid-June.

3. Old Business

Minutes from April P&R Commission meeting approved

Upcoming/New Programs:

- *Memorial Day Parade, Sunday May 28th at 2pm (1:30pm line up on Chauncey Lane/Reynolds Park)
- *Summer Youth Basketball Camp has reached maximum enrollment. 57 youth.

New Business

Pool / Camp – Update

Val Harmon, Pool Director, reported that Rich Strobel (Parks Foreman and Certified Pool Operator) has all pools up and running. The Facility is ready for opening day May 27th. John Dailey asked about the structural integrity of the bath house. Val shared that the roof requires routine upkeep, and that the bath house (albeit old and run down) is solid and the complex is ready for the season. Matt Nordt reported:

Pool permits are up \$51K from this point last year.

All out-of-town permits sold immediately on the morning of opening sales.

Day Camp enrollment is up \$12K from this point last year.

Spray Pool - Update

Recap -- foam lifting did not solve the problem of the pool being slightly off level, thereby limiting even overflow of water on all 4 sides into the filtration system. Still awaiting vendor's quote for alternatives. Mud lifting vendor gave \$7K estimate, which Rich and Matt declined. Rich and Matt are seeking engineers to take a look at the area where the Spray Pool is located.

4. Uniontown Park – Update

Uniontown Kickoff Meeting with Gisolfi Landscape Architects (GLA) took place just prior to this evening's P&R Commission meeting. Gene Calamari shared a recap of 3 options that were discussed at this evening's kickoff meeting:

1. Moving the playground
2. Discussing the possibility of an exit road onto Prince Street
3. Discussing the possibility of a "turn around" in the parking lot

Gene shared the big concerns expressed at the meeting were the cost of rock removal, and playground costs. GLA will take into consideration this evening's input. The next Uniontown/GLA meeting will be June 8th (6:30pm at the JHCC) just prior to the June P&R Commission meeting.

Hillside Park Tennis Courts – Update

New surface is down and is curing. Next steps include lining/painting and fencing. Rich was able to complete brick work. Handicap access built into fencing design. Target opening is end of June.

Hillside Woods – Update

Public Forum #2 (Healing the Woods) sponsored by the Hastings Conservation Commission was held on May 3rd and was led by a panel of experts. David Downs, P&R Liaison to Conservation Commission, shared that the overall consensus seemed to suggest these best strategies: reduce the deer population, install a deer exclosure for 30 acres (this might be possible for \$60k) maintenance to include protecting the gaps in the canopy to allow native saplings to grow. David reported that the Conservation Commission is still taking the lead and is trying to create a community task force.

Quarry Park Trail – Update

Matt reported that a couple of issues have arisen in the work:

#1- there are 7' more of material to get through (than when the measurements were originally taken 12+ years ago). The path goes down under the tunnel, down under Warburton to Southside Ave.

#2- There is a large tree (with an extensive root system) that needed to be removed. Two trees on a resident's property needed to be removed. The logs will be coming out this week, but his unforeseen work will cause a couple of weeks delay.

David suggested a public awareness initiative for when the trail is completed.

9A Parcel Update

Matt measured the parcel, considered sport fencing, and discussed with his Rec Staff what the parcel might be used for. The trailers and piles of earth are still on the parcel awaiting Ginsburg's removal.

5. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm

Next Meeting: June 8, 2017 at 8:00pm in the James Harmon Community Center

Minutes prepared by: A. Reeve

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