

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers / City Hall
February 23, 2015 – 6 p.m.

- Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01p.m. by Chairman Espich.
- Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
- Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.
- Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioners Shane Nelson and Kristen Woodbury.
- Members Absent:** Commissioner Tim Alderman.
- Others Present:** Ms. Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development.

Approve Agenda for February 23, 2015:

A motion to approve the agenda for meeting was made by Commissioner Nelson and supported by Vice-Chairman Selbig with the addition of Disc Golf under **Discussion**.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes for January 26, 2015 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2015 was made by Commissioner Nelson, and supported by Vice-Chairman Selbig.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

Commissioner Woodbury arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. January 26, 2015 minutes

Business:

1. Plunge for the Parks

Ms. Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, stated that 22 people have signed up for the plunge. She noted that temperatures have been crazy cold and Saturday is predicted to be only 22 degrees. At what point do we call it off due to weather? Chairman Espich and Vice-Chairman noted that it doesn't appear that it will be cancelled. It was moved back from March to make sure it would be cold enough. Ms. Montenegro noted that everyone is going to the Wrought Iron Grill afterwards to celebrate. She asked if the other board members would be able to attend. Chairman Espich will not be in attendance, but he will be bringing in large pots for hot cocoa and providing the cocoa.

Ms. Montenegro noted that the SATA bus will arrive about 1:45 p.m. Everyone else should be there

about 1:30 at the little dock. There will be diver in the water; the ambulance on standby; and a ladder in the water.

The money will be used to renovate the skate park. We have the opportunity to apply for a Crowdfunding grant through Patronicity (MEDC) for outdoor community gathering. We have \$4,000 already raised. If we can get \$8,000 all together and the city matches with \$7,000 we may be able to get \$15,000 from Patronicity in grant funding for a \$30,000 project.

Motion by Commissioner Nelson, supported by Commissioner Woodbury, to apply for Crowdfunding for the Skate Park and use all monies received towards Crowdfunding as match money.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

Mick Kazen is a trustee with the Corunna Athletic Club and is doing a 50/50 drawing. Someone needs to coordinate with him on Saturday per Ms. Montenegro. The T-shirts will be there. We need a name list for Mr. Hood to make the announcements with. We need to get the hook, buoy, and ladder from the city. Chairman Espich has the flag banner, but someone will need to take it down for him.

Discussion:

1. Annual Green up-Clean up in Owosso – we need to start planning for April (Arbor Day is April 24th). Ms. Montenegro stated that Mayor Frederick approached her about putting the Green up – Cleanup at the same time as the Arbor Day celebration, Saturday, April 25. Ms. Montenegro shared that Main Street will be included. Tree planting will occur at Central Elementary by Crooked Tree Nursery. The Friends of Shiawassee River are to clean along the river bank.

Ms. Montenegro continued. There is a former task list. Last year we focused on the parks from the ice storm – removing the wood. This year we need to set a subcommittee and make a task list. We need to partner with Kroger’s and VG’s for water; and Lances Bakery and Abiding in the Vine for dessert and snack food. Granger and Waste Management were approached for dumpsters at the Penney’s lot. It possibly will be held 10 a.m. to 1p.m. They will plant trees and clean up around Central School. Chairman Espich and Commissioner Woodbury will co- chair. Roma’s has helped before. Last year Harmon Partridge Park was the staging where a church provided food and hotdogs.

2. Disc Golf. This was discussed last month about getting permission from a landowner to allow people to walk on his land to proceed to the next disc hole. Ms. Montenegro has tried to contact by phone and e-mail the new property owner several times with no response. We can’t proceed without their permission. Ms. Montenegro is to continue to try to make contact. Vice-Chairman Selbig knows him and he will attempt contact. The area requested is 100 ft. x 300 ft. length from Rosevear to Vandekarr property. No holes on his property – just a pass thru.

Public / Board Comments

Ms. Montenegro asked for donations to the Plunge for the Parks.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vice-Chairman Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Woodbury. The meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

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Susan Montenegro, Secretary