

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
September 24, 2012 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Hebekeuser.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Chairman Jerry Hebekeuser; Commissioners Tim Alderman, Sherri Chavora, Michael Espich, and Jeff Selbig.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development.

Approve Agenda for September 24, 2012:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from August 27, 2012 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2012 meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Espich.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. August 27, 2012 minutes
3. Plaza Concept

Business:

1. Bentley playscape walkway and plaza

Mr. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, stated that the illustration in the commission packet was created by Crooked Tree Nursery. The tree plantings will be ornamental and canopy for future shade. There will be stamped concrete pads under the picnic tables; winding walkway from the pavilion to the playscape; and engraved pavers. This project is estimated at \$3,000 with some contribution from the installer.

Discussion followed of proposed design. Commissioner Chavora asked for electrical conduit(s) during the construction of the walkway. There were brick samples for the pavers. It was generally decided to use the green bricks with any other color offered except for red.

A motion by Commissioner Alderman, supported by Commissioner Espich to proceed as discussed with the walkway unless there is an unforeseen hurdle with an option of withholding the trees if the budget is tight with the addition of electrical conduit and wire.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

2. Disc golf, labyrinth, and splash pad updates

DISC GOLF – It was noted that an e-mail was received from Dorcey Crank on the progress of the disc golf. All of the clean-up and layout work has been completed except for some minor brush removal and cosmetic items. The next step is to find individual hole sponsors. They have several already. Discussion about general maintenance which should be low if it is used as it will be naturally taken care of with the traffic.

LABYRINTH – Commissioner Selbig commented that we probably can't do anything at this point until next year.

SPLASH PAD - Mr. Zettel commented that there are issues with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. There is uncertainty in their office causing a delay in issuing the permits and the splash pad is probably not going to be installed this fall. This is a novel item to be permitted. Chairman Hebekeuser suggested a press release as there are many people wondering what happened to it as it was anticipated to be installed in August. Mr. Zettel will check with Mr. Acton about a possible news release.

3. Trail connector updates

Mr. Zettel stated this trail would connect Hopkins Lake to Rosevear Park all the way to Vandekarr Road or Cook Road; maybe thru Hillcrest Cemetery. The cemetery is interested, but this is sensitive. It would be nice to bring it to the soccer fields and the river trails

Public Comments / Board Comments

Mr. Zettel commented that we need to do a proclamation for Ryan Comrie for his work making the trail markers at Hopkins Lake. He also had some digital maps that Mr. Zettel would like to make for handouts.

Mr. Zettel stated the canoe take out by the Oakwood Street Bridge is almost completed. This was done by the Friends of the Shiawassee River with a grant.

Lisa Stechschulte stated that she heard there are cracks in the Bentley Park pavilion and that a grandfather fell with a baby in his arms. Mr. Zettel heard the same rumor and stated there is flat work scheduled in the park. The Department of Public Works got behind with their schedule this year after the wind storm early this summer. The tennis courts are on the agenda in the spring. Commissioner Chavora suggested brightly spraying the cracks until they can be repaired.

Discussion of fundraisers with Reader's Digest and other sources.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Espich and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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