

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
March 25, 2013 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Espich.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioners Tim Alderman, Sherri Chavora, and Nikki Hathaway.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; John Beebe, Disc Golf; Jerry Hebekeuser, 206 N. Dewey St; and David Bandkau, 605 Ryan Street.

Approve Agenda for March 25, 2013:

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

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from February 25, 2013 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public / Board Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. February 25, 2013 minutes
3. Ice rink information

Business:

1. Splash Pad and Disc Golf Update

Disc Golf Update:

Mr. John Beebe said it was looking good on the sponsors; the parks are cleaned up and ready to have the equipment installed. They have about \$3-3,500 raised and with the city's contribution of \$1,500, they have about \$5,000 to collect yet.

Chairman Espich stated that Mayor Ben Frederick, Jerry Hebekeuser and himself had been talking about doing a "Plunge for the Park" for the disc golf. The Mayor is extremely busy right now, so Mr. Hebekeuser and Chairman Espich are taking the reins. This would be a fundraiser to be held at Hopkins Lake similar to the one held last year. They were looking towards April 13. Mr. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, stated he would have a conversation with the Public Safety Department to have a couple of the EMT's on hand.

Discussion continued about selling popcorn; checking for liability insurance; involving the Kiwanis Club and using 5013(c); selling tee shirts; names for the event; where they could get the tee shirts; dismantling

the sides of the float for the jump; whether they could use Kiwanis insurance or use a waiver of liability; and pledge sheets. Discussion continued about having final layout of plans for Monday so the council could look at it at their meeting.

Splash Pad Update:

Paul Early needs an update. Mr. Dave Acton is waiting on the controller mechanism for the pump. The DEQ wants specs on the controller, but Ludington doesn't have the specs. The Company "Raindeck" will now have to sell us one in order to get specs.

2. CIS Trail Connector Update.

Mr. Zettel said the final report is expected this week. Then they will have a public outreach for reactions. It is an optimistic report and he believes the state will start work this year.

3. Ice rink

Chairman Espich said that Dr. Jafri recommended the company, The Green Machine, which is the same one that he used to make the rink in his neighborhood. About 52 – 60 people can skate with 10 sq. ft. space. Chairman Espich also spoke about another company for refrigeration which we might consider in the future if we can raise the funds. The system without the refrigeration could freeze and thaw on the ground with the weather. The water then disappears into the ground when it thaws. Discussion continued about installing it on the Main Street Square.

4. Volunteer Presentation

Mr. Adam Zettel explained that Bob Flynn works with Baker College to extend the trail at Hopkins Lake into the township on the north side of the park. He wanted to talk about extending the mileage, but wasn't present.

Public / Board Comments:

Mr. Zettel stated there were bids due soon for the Bentley Park project estimated to be around \$70,000. We still have some grants. He will send out the bid tabulation to the board, and then it will go to the council on April 15. The work could start in May. Commissioner Chavora asked if some of the benches would be moved to the Splash Pad. Mr. Zettel said we have extras and some could be moved from the playscape.

Mr. Jerry Hebekeuser, 206 N. Dewey St, cautioned about the Glow Parade and Santa interfering with the ice skating rink at the Main Street Plaza.

Mr. David Bandkau, 605 Ryan Street said that most refrigeration is under concrete. If this is outdoors, this will be under sand.

It was suggested that Plexiglas board up to four feet should be well secured. Commissioner Alderman said that Durand had a skate rink and that we should look at it.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. until April 22, 2013.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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