

**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
July 22, 2013 – 6 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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-Chair Jeff Selbig; Commissioner Nikki Hathaway.

Members Absent: Commissioner Tim Alderman and vacancy.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; John Beebe and Ian Granger for the Disc Golf; Heather Pilot and Ned Bromley from RESD for the Splash Pad / Bentley Park.

Approve Agenda for July 22, 2013:

A motion to approve the agenda with the postponement of Business Item # 3 - Collamer Park/Hopkins Lake track concept was made by Commissioner Selbig and supported by Commissioner Hathaway.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from June 24, 2013 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2013 meeting was made by Commissioner Hathaway and supported by Commissioner Selbig.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. John Beebe, advocate for disc golf in and near Rosevear Park, delivered donation envelopes to process funds. Commissioner Hathaway will be working on a spreadsheet of expenses and donations. She collected e-mails for Ian Granger and others working on the disc golf project for information for the spreadsheet.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. June 24, 2013 minutes
3. Overflow parking map

Business:

1. **Spray Pad & Bentley Park Improvements and**
2. **Regional Inclusive Community Coalition**

Mr. Adam Zettel said that both the Spray Pad and the Bentley Park improvements are underway. The underground for the spray pad is ready for the concrete pour. Staff is working on sidewalks and the bandstand. There are plans for the Labor Day Dedication. Arrangements have been made with Rugged Liner and we have a rider on our insurance for a parking area on their parking lot on Stewart Street. We

have some signage to be installed in the park and there will be painting done in the parking lot at the designated area. Busses will be directed to this area also.

There was discussion about a sidewalk to the playscape. Ms. Heather Pilot noted that the Splash Pad is not useable with crutches or power wheel chairs. The water will ruin electric powered chairs and crutches cannot be used on the splash pad. It was promoted as accessible.

Ned Bromley from RESD also said that it is not barrier free. Discussion of barrier free terminology followed including reference to RICC (Regional Inclusive Community Coalition). Ms. Pilot suggested a swing for wheel chairs and a bench for observers for handicapped children's caregivers. Mr. Zettel said there will be bench(es). Ms. Pilot mentioned accessible bathrooms. Mr. Zettel said they are in the process of being overhauled right now. Chairman Espich told Ms. Pilot the commission was open to more accessible designs. She suggested the Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service.

4. Skate Park Update

Mr. Zettel and Mark Sedlak, Director of Public Works, went to the skate park and went over some figures for removing the asphalt and installing concrete at the BMX Park. At the last meeting there was discussion with Rick Morris about the Iron Wheels Motorcycle Club gifting money for the improvement. Discussion about the city clearing the area and the improvements being done next year or the year after. The tall grass has been trimmed down.

Public / Board Comments:

Commissioner Hathaway said that when she gets the spreadsheet ready regarding the disc golf she will e-mail it to the board and Mr. Zettel before the next meeting to keep that project moving.

Heather Pilot wants to be kept informed about the Parks and Recreation meetings. She was informed about the website notices, agenda and packets.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Hathaway. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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