

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
January 28, 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-Chairman Jeff Selbig; Commissioners Tim Alderman, and Sherri Chavora.

Members Absent: New Commissioner Nicole Hathaway has not been sworn in yet.

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Jeff and Tracy Peltier; Ian Granger, and John Beebe.

Approve Agenda for January 28, 2013:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Business Item # 3, Lease Agreement for the Soccer Fields with the YMCA, was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from November 26, 2012 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2012 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public / Board Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. November 26, 2012 minutes
3. Splash pad emails
4. CIS email

Business:

1. Splash Pad Update

Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, stated that the plans for the splash pad has been through all local approvals. They are still dealing with questions from the DEQ to get the final permit from them. We're in the last step of DEQ approval. This modular unit is new and the state has requested a lot of details.

Jeff Peltier, 723 Grand Avenue, stated that some of the delay was his fault – he didn't think it should be built in the fall with freezing temperatures. The items to build the splash pad are off-the-shelf items. The DEQ concerns are health related. The UV light will work 24/7 internally, underground. The system includes prevention to keep the water from getting too high or too low in the tank. The DEQ is very

reasonable with their concerns. Mr. Paul Early, the RESD and Mr. Daniel Vargas have all been notified about the delay. Mr. Peltier reviewed the drawing of the splash pad system with the board.

2. CIS Trail Connector

Mr. Zettel noted that several local people including Ron Baker, former city engineer; Rick Morris, House of Wheels; and others got funds from the Cook Foundation. They are working on the CIS Connector Steering Committee looking for the best route from Owosso Township to the James Miner River Trail. Several potential routes were discussed.

3. Lease Agreement with the YMCA for the Soccer Fields

Per Mr. Zettel there is no current agreement. Anything that was, has long ago expired. The staff is comfortable with this proposed lease; and comfortable with the YMCA handling the schedule arrangements for the fields. Mr. Zettel recommends a shorter term such as five years and \$2 per person, instead of 30 years and \$1 per person. There was general agreement with the board.

4. Other Updates

Ian Granger and John Beebe stated they are all set with the disc golf coming out of Rosevear Park. The sign work is done; they still need sponsorships for the baskets. The city was going to assist with the project also. Mr. Zettel invited the men to meet with him to clarify some points. It was also noted that part of the course is in the township.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Alderman. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. until February 25, 2013.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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