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City of New Baltimore
Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2008
6:00 PM

Chairman Larry Gingas called the regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Gingas, Steiner, McDonald, Myers, Levise
Absent: Cates, Mellon-Bunn, Glaza, Wolschleger

Also present were Mayor Goldenbogen, Councilman Butler and City Clerk Marcia Shinska.

Motion by Myers, second by McDonald to excuse the absent members from the meeting.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Commissioner Steiner notified Chairman Gingas that he will be out of town from this date forward until May of 2009 and has asked to be excused.
Motion by Myers, second by McDonald to excuse Commissioner Steiner as requested.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second by McDonald to approve the meeting minutes of August 7, 2008 with corrections.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Public Discussion:

Mayor Goldenbogen advised the Commission that officials from St. Clair Shores came to the City and visited the Walter & Mary Burke Park, they were very impressed with our City Park. While visiting the Mayor shared with the officials from St. Clair Shores that the City was considering the addition of a splash pad and they informed him that they also have a splash pad in their park and it cost approximately $230,000.00. The Mayor will get a set of their plans for the City to review rather than having to start for scratch which will assist in costs by having plans for the project.

The Mayor reported back to the Commission that Tom Gunst, DPS Superintendent is looking onto whether piping was installed during the streetscape project for the future installation of electric on the east side of Washington Street in the downtown.

Councilman Butler feels that the Parks & Recreation Department should be responsible for handling this event as he feels that event will continue to grow and the City should be in charge these types of events.

Motion by Myers, second by McDonald to recommend that the Parks & Recreation Director look into taking over the kayak races and report back to the Commission on this recommendation as soon as possible.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, second by McDonald to amend the Parks & Recreation Master Plan to include a Harbor and splash pad in the Walter & Mary Burke Park.
All voting yes. Opposing: none Motion carried.

Miscellaneous discussion by Commissioners:

Chairman Gingas asked the status of the non-motorized pedestrian pathway on County Line Road. Mayor Goldenbogen is hopeful that we could receive still receive financial assistance with the aid of Congresswoman Candice Miller.

Chairman Gingas also inquired from the Mayor on how the damaged of the artificial brick on the front of the Parks & Recreation building is happening. The Mayor reported that Mike Hoffard caught several kids kicking the bricks until they fell of the building.

Commissioner Myers would like to see the City sponsor a soap box derby contest in during summer. He will discuss this with our Parks & Recreation Director.

Commissioner McDonald reported that the split rail fencing along 24 Mile Road is again damaged and asked that the City Administration notify the DPS Superintendent.

Motion by Myers, second by Steiner to adjourn at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Shinska
City Clerk