

City of New Baltimore  
Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 7, 2009  
6:00 PM

Chairman Larry Gingas called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call: Gingas, Steiner, Cates, McDonald, Myers, Wolschleger, Levis, Aprea,  
Hayman  
Absent: Mellon-Bunn, Glaza

Also in attendance were Mayor Goldenbogen, Councilman Ken Butler, and Liaison from  
Planning Commission Mike Wojciechowski.

Motion by Levis, second by McDonald to approve the meeting minutes of March 5,  
2009.

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Motion by McDonald, second by Wolschleger to approve the minutes of April 2, 2009 of  
which there was no quorum as indicated in the minutes.

All voting yes.                      Opposing: none                      Motion carried.

Commissioner Mellon-Bunn arrived at 6:12 PM

Assistant Director gave the monthly Parks & Recreation Department report. The spring  
flyer is out and sent home through the schools. The Department has 29 youth baseball  
teams and there are three pitching machines available for the teams to use. The Dept. is  
having new tile installed at the comfort station in the Walter & Mary Burke Park. The  
Director made application to the Historic District Commission for the power washing,  
tuck pointing, mortar repair, facade repairs of the fake brick and re-painting of the outside  
of the recreation building. Mike obtained three proposals for the work which will be  
presented to the HDC next week.

Mike would like to invite all children to decorate their bicycles and join the annual  
Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2009. A guest speaker from Selfridge Air National  
Guard Base will be the guest speaker for the ceremony on the lawn at City Hall. Mayor  
Goldenbogen will also be participating in the event.

The vending machines at the Recreation Center have been secured to the wall for safety  
concerns.

The Commissioners discussed the request from Mike & Melissa Morrison property  
owners that border the City's property adjacent to the Willow Creek Subdivision.

Motion by Levis, second by Myers to make a recommendation to City Council not to sell the City owned property on County Line Road adjacent to Willow Creek Subdivision.

Voting yes: Levis, Myers, McDonald, Mellon-Bunn, Wolschleger, Glaza, Aprea, Hayman, Gingas Steiner, Cates. Voting no: none Motion carried.

Councilperson Ken Butler addressed the Commission asking whether they would be interested in the 180 of D&T Property just off of M-29 at the northeast side of M-29. The property will be going up for tax sale soon and Council Butler inquired if the Parks & Recreation Commission would be interested in the City acquiring the property.

Commissioner Aprea inquired about the possibility of opening the Recreation Dept. on Saturday's from 12:00 (Noon) until 6:00 PM to offer more classes to the residents. Director advised the Commission that the cost would be approximately \$8,100.00 to staff to center for the additional hours for the next year.

The Commissioner's inquired about the software for the Parks & Recreation Dept. Mike indicated they are currently using Microsoft Excel to register participants and he will report back to the Commission in the near future on whether Excel is sufficiently doing the job.

Mike advised the Commissioners that the Historic District Commission will meet on May 12, 2009 to consider his application to paint a mural on the building.

The Commission discussed Commissioner's Aprea's handout on his vision for the Walter & Mary Burke Park. This is in connection to the Blue Print Program. Commissioner Aprea advised he put the packet together to generate conversation and discussion regarding the vision of the City Park.

Commissioner Mellon-Bunn expressed her concerns about residents parking on both sides of Huntley Street rather than using the parking lot when visiting Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park. Parks & Recreation Director will contact the Police Dept. to ask for assistance with the parking.

Commissioner McDonald reported that the split rail fencing at the Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park is damaged again. He suggested maybe the City should just remove the fencing all together.

Commissioner Cates excused himself at 7:17 PM.

Commissioner Hayman asked that the baseball fields at the Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park be named after Walter Michael & Bill Woehler.

Motion by Levis, second by Steiner to recommend to City Council that the baseball fields at Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park be named after Walter Michael and Bill Woehler.

All voting yes.

Opposing: none

Motion carried.

Motion by Levis, second by McDonald to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Shinska  
City Clerk