

City of New Baltimore
Parks & Recreation Commission
Normally Held at the New Baltimore City Hall
Will Be Held By Telephone Conference
Regular Meeting – June 3, 2021
6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of the City of New Baltimore will be held by Telephone Conference. Public participation will be allowed; any interested public should phone in using the following information:

Topic: June Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Time: Jun 3, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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The State is taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Michigan. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in reducing the coronavirus risk to Michigan residents. For current and up-to-date information regarding the Coronavirus visit <http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus> or <http://www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus>.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Discussion: This time is set aside for public comments for anyone who wishes to address the Commission. All comments must be addressed to the Chair.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2021 Regular Meeting

Approval of Parks & Recreation Director's Monthly Report – April 2021

Approval of Agenda

A. Old Business:

1. Burke Park Improvements Discussion

B. New Business:

1. Festival Park Traffic Discussion
2. Lions Club Basketball Court Discussion
3. Beach Lifeguard Discussion

Miscellaneous Items

Next meeting: Thursday, July 1 at 6:00pm. Location TBD.

Adjournment

Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021

Chair Wolschleger called the regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:03pm, via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Present: Amber Laske, Joe Glinski, Eric Haydamack, Dawn Wolschleger, Mike Zoli and Director Tim Novak

Absent: Michele Anulli, Karen Winter

Also in Attendance: Mayor Dupray, City Councilperson Dittrich, City Councilperson Weinrich, and Beverly Babcock.

Public Discussion:

None

Director's Report: April 2021

May 2021 Parks and Recreation Report – April 2021 Recreation Activity

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- April 15, 2021 – The City submitted the preliminary grant application for the shoreline restoration at Ruedisale Pointe Park. If chosen, the City could receive up to \$250,000 toward the project.
- April 19, 2021 – The department held the baseball coaches meeting to kick off the 2021 baseball season. We currently have 6 teams in pre-tee ball, 8 teams in tee ball, and 4 teams in pitching machine league. We have 192 children registered for the league, which is almost 100 more than last year and 70 more than 2019.
- April 20, 2021 – The department met with Playworks, nation non-profit focused on increasing the amount of time children play each day. They agreed to help us with a two-day training for our summer camp staff, free of charge. This is a massive step up from the type of orientation and training we're able to give our staff by ourselves.
- April 21, 2021 – The Bay Area Fishing Tournament planning committee met and we are still planning to hold the event as planned and are moving forward with booking vendors and soliciting sponsors.
- April 22, 2021 – The department held orientation for this year's park rangers. We are very pleased with the experience and knowledge of this year's staff, however, we are still in need of a few more staff for this position.
- April 24, 2021 – The Anchor Bay Angels baseball and softball club held their annual field maintenance day in order to help us prepare the fields for the season.
- April 26, 2021 – Total Life Changes confirmed a donation of \$250,000 toward a playscape at Walter & Mary Burke Park. The department is currently working on a Request for Proposals to be sent out to playground manufacturers.
- April 28, 2021 – The department met with the Library staff to finalize plans for our joint May 4th program and discuss other opportunities for partnering throughout the summer. We decided that we will hold monthly meetings from now on in order to maintain our partnership and provide quality joint programs.

Agenda Items:

Motion by Haydamack, second by Zoli to approve the Meeting Minutes from the March 2021 meeting.
All Voting Yes. Opposing: None Motion Carried.

Motion by Laske, second by Haydamack to approve the Director's Report for March 2021.
All Voting Yes. Opposing: None Motion Carried.

Motion by Zoli, second by Laske to approve the Meeting Agenda for April 2021, as amended.
All Voting Yes. Opposing: None Motion Carried.

Discussion:

Old Business:

Ruedisale Park Improvements Discussions

Director Novak informed the commission that the department had their preliminary application approved for a grant that would pay for most of the shoreline restoration at Ruedisale Park. Novak also explained that the engineering design and eventual DPS work would count towards the matching of the grant. Commissioner Glinski asked how much the work would cost from the DPS. Novak explained that there was no solid number yet however it looks like the work DPS will do will be a good match.

Burke Park Improvements Discussion

Director Novak informed the Commission that the company Total Life Changes would be donating \$250,000 towards building an accessible playground at Walter and Mary Burke Park. The whole project should be done by next spring. Commissioner Glinski asked what the department would be doing for TLC for that donation. Novak said that the department would get a sign near the play equipment that would thank TLC. Commissioner Lasked asked if swings were included in the proposal for the playground. Novak told Laske that it was part of the three proposals and one of the proposals would move the swings next to the new equipment, Commissioner Wolschleger asked when the cement work would be done. Novak told the commission that the cement work is supposed to start the first week of June and take five days, so it should be done by Bay-Rama.

New Business:

For Anchor Bay Day Recap

Director Novak informed the commission that the department, with the help of Watermark Church, worked on different park projects at Mary Burke Park and Maynard Park. Novak explained that at Maynard Park benches were painted and mulch was spread through the playground and at Mary Burke Park the flower bed was weeded, the beach was cleaned, and benches were painted. Novak also added that the department would be hiring a master gardener to oversee the flower gardens at the parks.

Lietke Memorial Bench Application

Motion by Zoli, second by Glinski to approve the Green Memorial Tree Application at Walter and Mary Burke Park.
All Voting Yes. Opposing: None Motion Carried.

Miscellaneous: None

Motion by Winter, second by Haydamack to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm.
All Voting Yes. Opposing: None Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Brendan Shiemke; Intern

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 1, 2021

Director's Report

June 2021 Parks and Recreation Report – May 2021 Recreation Activity

- May 11, 2021 – The Bay Area Fishing Tournament planning committee met and discussed changing some options for the event due to low participation from boat and power sports vendors. We decided to try and add a food truck rally to the event to get people downtown. The amendment to our special event application will go before City Council at the next meeting.
- May 12, 2021 – The administration attended a SEMCOG seminar on the Future of Parks & trails in Southeast Michigan. It was very informative and had some good insights into the direction of parks and trails.
- May 15, 2021 – The department held it's Opening Day for youth baseball league. Both Festival and Maynard "Red" Aurand Memorial Park were heavily used. We have over 200 players in our program this year, the highest it has been since 2015.
- May 19, 2021 – The City received word that the preliminary grant application for the shoreline restoration at Ruedisale Pointe Park was chosen to move forward in the application process. If our project is approved, the City will receive up to \$250,000 toward the project.
- May 20, 2021 – The department administration attended it's first in-person NERPA regional parks meeting in over a year. It was held outdoors at George-George Park in Clinton Township. It was nice to see everyone and share some ideas on how to program for the future.
- May 22, 2021 – The department held its annual Soggy Doggy event at Walter & Mary Burke Park. We had over 30 dogs in attendance. Everything went smoothly and all the dogs and their owners had a great time. Each pup left with a commemorative Parks & Recreation frisbee!
- May 26, 2021 – The department met with the Library to continue our monthly co-programming meetings. We have a lot of events in store for the summer, like summer book reading clubs.
- May 31, 2021 – The City held its annual Memorial Day Parade. There were a lot of people in attendance, and the weather was perfect. Everything went very well. The keynote speaker was Capt. Jim Semerad, a retired US Naval officer who lives in Clarkston and served in active and reserve duty for over 20 years.