

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Rec&Ed Offices

1530 Eisenhower Place

Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present: Tim Berla, Sheila Calhoun, Paula Greeno, Joanne Kimata, Betty Wier, Colleen Greene

Excused: Shannon Kos, Nate Nemon, Sequoyah King, Tom George

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sara Aeschbach, Larry Dishman, Jeff Straw

Call to Order: Chairperson Paula Greeno called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes: Tim Berla moved to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting and Sheila Calhoun seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Commentary:

Old Business

A. Resolution on Public Input – After a brief discussion and a change in wording (“Parks & Recreation Services Manager” to replace “City Administrator” and “Parks and Recreation” to be changed to “Parks & Recreation Services Unit”), Tim Berla moved to approve the resolution and Colleen Greene seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Mack Pool Finances – Jeff Straw distributed a pool schedule and budget information sheet. City Council adopted the new budget on May 18. It was approved that Mack Pool will close on July 1, 2009, reopen after the Labor Day holiday, and remain open until June 30, 2010. The budget report indicates that the City is projecting revenue of \$122,100 at Mack Pool based on sales of season pool passes, swimming programs and pool rental. Budget expenses for the City include all pool maintenance and capital improvements. The schools are responsible for water/sewer, custodial, and locker room maintenance. One of the largest expenses incurred by the City is for chemicals. Projected expenses for 2009 are \$244,693 for operation of Mack Pool with projected revenue of \$123,600. Sara Aeschbach reported that the schools have been paying 32% of operating costs of Mack Pool, as calculated by the percentage of time used by the schools. Sara Aeschbach wondered if it was possible to run Mack Pool without a full-time pool manager. Jeff Straw stated it was required to have a Certified Pool Operator. Sara also asked if revenue could be improved if the schools were to reduce their use of Mack Pool. Jeff did feel that there was potential for some increase if the City had more access to the pool. Tim Berla would like to have public input at the September RAC meeting to brainstorm ideas for continuing operation of Mack Pool. Paula Greeno will contact users regarding the September meeting.

New Business

A. RAC Membership – Sara Aeschbach reported RAC terms continue through September; however there will be several vacancies. Both Dave Korman and Jon Strite have resigned, and our student commissioners will both be off to college in the fall. Tim Berla will apply for a school board appointment. This leaves two school board appointment vacancies. Betty Wier will apply for an appointment from the City. RAC members would like to see students continuing on the board; although spots will not be designated as such. Colleen Greene and Sheila Calhoun volunteered to be on the nominating committee to review prospective applicants.

Briefing Agenda

A. Items from RAC

1. Report from PAC – Tim Berla reported on the Argo Dam meeting with PAC. PAC voted 5-4 to keep the Argo Dam and will send their resolutions to City Council. There will be a work session on June 15, which is open to the public (without public commentary), followed by a public hearing on July 6. A final decision will be made mid-July by City Council.

B. Items from Parks and Recreation – Jeff Straw reported Memorial Day weekend was a big weekend for the city. All pools and canoe liveries are open. Golf course usage has been strong for spring with an increase in league teams.

C. Items from Community Education and Recreation – Sara Aeschbach reported that a Rob Reiner movie will be filmed this summer in Ann Arbor and will be displacing several Rec&Ed activities. Programs need to be moved to other locations and facilities are a challenge for summer programming. The Rec&Ed summer catalog has been distributed and registration is on going. The summer volleyball program is at an all-time high enrollment. One of the Rec&Ed soccer teams went to the Canton Cup and won the tournament.

Larry Dishman proposed that discussions for the ball field agreement should begin in September with a tentative rate schedule to review in November as the agreement expires in December. Larry Dishman will provide RAC with a report on a survey of field users at the September RAC meeting. RAC will plan its September meeting for the 8th of the month, which is the first day of school.

Transmittals – 1939 Recreation Programming Agreement, Memorandum on Ball Field Agreement, Total Number of Field Markings for 2008

Adjournment: Tim Berla moved to adjourn the meeting and Colleen Greene seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairperson Paula Greeno adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Drago, Recording Secretary to RAC