

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Rec&Ed Offices

1515 S Seventh St

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: Paula Greeno, Joanne Kimata, Betty Wier, Colleen Greene, Shannon Kos
Rick Dekeon, Tim Berla, Tom George, Annie-Norah Beveridge, Sheila Calhoun

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

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

Public Commentary: Kevrn Martin, the parent of an 11 yr old who incurred a collar bone fracture while playing in Rec&Ed soccer in the grade 6-9 league. Ms Martin feels that the age range is too great and increases the risk of injury to participants. Katie Held, another parent on the same team, stated the same concerns.

Approval of Minutes: Tim Berla moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 meeting and Shannon Kos seconded this motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

A. PROS – surveys and public meetings – Jeff Straw reported there are 3 public meetings scheduled for the month of June. There was a low turnout for the June 2nd meeting. Leslie Science Center will host the next meeting on June 17 and Cobblestone Farms will host on June 29. Over 500 online surveys have been completed. Information can be found on the City of Ann Arbor website.

New Business

A. Election of RAC Chairperson – Due to the resignation of Paula Greeno, election of a Chairperson was moved to the June meeting instead of September. Paula Greeno nominated Shannon Kos and Shannon accepted with the stipulation that there was a Vice-Chairperson. Tom George, the current Vice-Chairperson agreed to remain in the position. RAC members voted unanimously to accept Shannon Kos as the new Chairperson. Official appointments of Vice Chair and PAC rep will occur in September.

Briefing Agenda

A. Items from RAC

1. Reports from PAC – Tim Berla reported on the Fuller Road train station, which is under review. The issue is whether this station should be built on parkland, which is currently a parking lot. There is an open-ended RFP regarding potential uses of Huron Hills golf course as well as an RFP for Argo Pond.

B. Items from Parks and Recreation – Jeff Straw reported the City is looking at different ways of doing business while facing budget cuts. He referenced the Huron Hills RFP. Argo Pond has received an order from MDRE to close the headrace. Argo Pond remains open at this time but several timelines need to be met by the City for it to remain open. An RFP must be sent out in order to meet the consent agreement issued by the State. On May 17 City Council passed the budget. The Senior

Center and Mack Pool remain in the budget. Ann Arbor Open condensed their school use hours of the pool allowing for more use by the City for programming. Grass trimming within the parks has had an impact on the appearance of the parks. The mowing cycle was changed to a 19-day cycle and the impact of recent rains has hampered the process. All facilities are now open for the summer.

C. Items from Community Education and Recreation – Sara Aeschbach reported AAPS is having mowing cycle concerns too. Due to budget constraints there is no overtime for mowing. Rec&Ed staff has been attending elementary school ice cream socials, as suggested by RAC. This summer will find a new scheduling of custodial staff. Rec&Ed staff will be responsible for opening and closure of buildings being used for programming and summer camps. The district Wellness Committee had a contest to promote physical activity in students and Northside and Haisley were the winners. Winning schools received a bbq luncheon provided by Chartwells. The Charity Fitness Challenge for AAPS staff is complete with \$3,000 being raised for charity. High school volunteers will be trained next week for their summer placements. Sara anticipates a continuing deficit within the School Age Child Care program and privatization of the childcare workers is unlikely to happen this contract year.

Transmittals – no transmittals

Adjournment: Tim Berla moved to adjourn the meeting and Tom George seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairperson Paula Greeno adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Drago, Recording Secretary to RAC