



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. by Chair, L. Berauer.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (9) L. Berauer, B. Macomber, D. Barrett, J. Lawter, G. Nystuen, S. Rosencrans, T. Berla, S. Offen J. Grand

Ex-Officio Members Present: (2) C. Taylor, M. Anglin

Ex- Officio Members Absent: (0) None.

Members Absent: (0) None.

Staff Present: (7) J. Frenzel, J. Dehring, A. Kuras, D. Borneman, G. Trocchio, L. Bowen, C. Smith

Guest (s) (8) George Hammond, Steve Bean, Jay Lewis, S. Rosencrans, Ann Hubbard, Mike Rogers, Aunita Erskene, Mark Charles, S. Rapundalo

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Commissioner Berauer stated there would be

PUBLIC COMMENTARY - AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

Trevor Staples spoke on the recent City Council approval of the memorandum of intent regarding the Skate Park. T. Staples also presented the Park Advisory Commission with a certificate of appreciation due to the support and encouragement regarding the Skate Park project.

L. Berauer expressed appreciation on behalf of the Commission regarding the hard work and diligence that T. Staples and the Skate Park committee has shown regarding this project.

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 Commissioner Offen moved, supported by **Commissioner Lawter** to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting as written. The minutes of November 18, 2008 were approved unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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NAP – Volunteer Program

L. Berauer commented on the fine work that NAP and the volunteers are doing and read the commendation from the mayor:

PROCLAMATION

***Honoring George Hammond
Natural Area Preservation Volunteer of the Year***

October 29, 2008

WHEREAS, George Hammond has volunteered hundreds of hours promoting and assisting Natural Area Preservation; and

WHEREAS, George Hammond has been a superb asset to NAP and fellow volunteers in the volunteer & inventory programs; and

WHEREAS, George Hammond has devoted himself to the promotion and preservation of indigenous insects and herptofauna, and teaching others through his work about these causes; in honor of his dedication to promoting and preserving natural areas we recognize him as Natural Area Preservation Volunteer of the Year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in recognition of these personal and volunteer endeavors, conducted to the greater good of everyone in our community, do hereby proclaim a commemoration of George Hammond on October 29, 2008, in the City of Ann Arbor, and acknowledge him as Natural Area Preservation Volunteer of the Year.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This the 29th day of October, 2008

John Hieftje, Mayor

L. Berauer stated this was quite an honor and much of the success is due to the work of the volunteers.

G. Hammond stated the encouragement that the City gives in learning about the various animals is appreciated.

J. Frenzel explained a power point presentation in depth to the Commission and also explained the NAP program. J. Frenzel also stated the volunteers that were present at the meeting would be allowed to briefly share their role in NAP.

S. Bean stated he is a steward for Fritz Park and has been one for eight years and is also a neighbor who has adopted Wurtzer Park.

D. Lathan stated he is the steward for Miller Park and that there has been little work done there. D. Lathan stated his vision is to restore the beachhead area which will take approximately five years.

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S. Rosencrans stated he is a steward at Lakewood Nature Area and Dolph Nature Area. S. Rosencrans stated that the Dolph Nature Area is completely overwhelmed with alien invasive species however it is a prime habitat for birds. He states there are two lakes and three entrances to the park. States that he shares responsibility for the park with Sue Miller and Jean Clugy, the two of them are working to restore a nice pathway into the park.

S. Rosencrans states that the entrance to Lakewood Park was in need of restoration.

Future projects involve creating a clearer path to an area in Lakewood Park that will enable visitors to access Dolph Park and Second Sister Lake without crossing private property. He states there is very little invasive vegetation in Lakewood Park which is in contrast to Dolph Park.

A. Hubbard states she has been the steward at Huron Parkway Nature area for six years. Many of the early efforts at restoration involved removing thickets and have succeeded in opening the view from the parkway and the bike path to a beautiful prairie full of big blue stem and other native grasses.

In addition, the park is home to three vernal ponds and also a segment of Mallotts Creek. Mallards are using the pond for the first time.

J. Rogers states that he is a steward for Greenview Park and they have expanded their area of interest to include Pioneer Woods. The group is incorporated under the name Friends of Greenview and Pioneer Nature Areas.

J. Rogers then gave a brief history of Pioneer Woods. He went on to describe the group's efforts to remove invasive species and wood chipping trails from the woods so that visitors can walk on the various paths. The group has also been responsible for planting native trees and shrubs. He states that generally forty to sixty volunteers show up to work in the park.

A. Erskene stated she is a steward to a garden located within the Furstenberg Nature Area along Fuller Road. The goal for this garden is to provide an identification guide for plants in the rest of the park.

A. Erskene went on to give a brief history of the garden and its challenges including damages by deer and rabbits, vandalism and a lack of available water for plants in the garden.

A. Erskene states her biggest passion is to teach others in the community about native plants and how to use them in their own yard including rain garden.

A. Erskene states that Furstenberg Nature Area has five or more native eco-systems and is the most botanically-diverse of all of the parks in Ann Arbor. This year the City of Ann Arbor collaborated with the stewardship network to do a four-lecture series on native plants. The project was very successful. She gave handouts to the Commission.

M. Charles stated he volunteers at Mary Beth Doyle Park and Nature Preserve and stated the partnership between city staff and volunteers has been extremely productive because

153 they have been able to turn the area into a nice amenity. He states the usage has increased
154 tremendously as many more people walk and jog through the park and enjoy the wildlife.

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156 M. Charles stated the restoration has brought people of all ages together to not only talk
157 about the environment but to get involved in doing something together.

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159 M. Charles stated the efforts of the NAP staff, volunteer coordination and Adopt-A-Park
160 coordination is beneficial to the City. M. Charles stated there are volunteers outside the city
161 boundary that are also helping the park effort.

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163 **L. Berauer** thanked the volunteers for their roles in park restoration.

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165 **G. Nystuen** suggested that the number of volunteers participating in the NAP Volunteer
166 programs is very impressive and should be shared with the Commission.

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168 **J. Frenzel** stated that NAP has expanded over the last fifteen years. This year there were
169 approximately 6,000 volunteer hours and approximately 700 volunteers. NAP is unable to
170 capture the exact numbers because they do not oversee the work done on a day-to-day
171 basis.

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173 Last year it was approximately 30,000 volunteer hours with a value of approximately
174 \$1,000,000.00.

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176 **S. Offen** stated it is phenomenal that there are so many volunteers and how committed they
177 are. S. Offen asked if all the parks have stewards and how it is decided which parks should
178 have stewards and which ones don't.

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180 **J. Frenzel** explained there are 150 parks and approximately half of them have stewards and
181 adopters. The recruitment is done in the park or directly in the neighborhoods. The
182 volunteers are those that engage an interest in the parks.

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184 **L. Berauer** stated this program is obviously good for the park system as well as the added
185 benefit of building community and cooperative spirit.

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187 **J. Frenzel** stated the NAP staff are ecologists of one type or another and also have a strong
188 background or interest in community development.

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190 **J. Grand** suggested that information be given to those interested in contacting NAP to
191 become volunteers.

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193 **J. Frenzel** stated the address and phone number for the Natural Area Preservation office
194 located at the Leslie Science Center.

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196 **Parks Staff – Review of 2008 Golf Season**

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198 **J. Miller** spoke on this issue and gave an overview to the Commission, and also explained
199 the financial challenges the golf courses have encountered which is common of what is
200 happening to the golf industry across the country.

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202 City Council approved the purchase of a liquor license which has been in place as of July 3,
203 2008; a new rate structure was also adopted in February 2008. City Council adopted a rate
204 reduction between 20 – 25% with the intent to bring customers back to both golf courses.
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206 There was a capital loan that was written off which was approximately \$1,600,000.00 when
207 the fiscal year books were closed, this loan was written off out of the general fund reserves.
208 The decision was also made to retain both golf courses in the enterprise fund.
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210 Progress at the golf courses was discussed. The web site has been very effective with the
211 marketing plan. Overall the rounds of golf at Leslie Golf Course have increased by 37%
212 compared to a year ago. At Huron Hills the rounds of golf overall have increased by 14%
213 for the season.
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215 Relative to the market they are doing exceptionally in respect to rounds of golf.
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217 J. Miller also mentioned the 3 staff members present at the meeting that are employed at
218 the Golf Courses and the other staff that were not present, complementing all of them on
219 the outstanding job they all have done in making everything a success.
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221 **S. Rapundalo** stated there will be difficult decisions that will have to be made; City Council
222 needs to be reminded there would be need to be a long term investment and continuous
223 support regarding the golf courses.
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225 **B. Macomber** stated the investment has been well worth it for the golf courses and asked
226 how soon the projected revenue for 2008 would be available to make up for the shortfall in
227 the 2 year budget cycle would be available.
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229 **J. Miller** stated the task force has begun this work. The six year forecast made it clear the
230 deficit would go down each year, but within that six year time we would not get to a break
231 even point. The fiscal year starts July 1 and we still only have five months worth of
232 experience.
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234 Both courses are ahead of projections at this point.
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236 So much depends on the weather as well as the economy. What will transpire over the next
237 few months will have a huge impact on the results in the upcoming spring.
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239 **B. Macomber** asked what portion of the \$600,000.00 estimated deficit will come out the
240 millage.
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242 **J. Miller** stated none of the \$600,000.00 will come out of the millage and if City Council
243 decides to provide a subsidy for the golf courses from an operating prospective it will come
244 from the general fund.
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246 **B. Macomber** asked if it would come from the parks general fund budget or from the City's
247 general fund.
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249 **J. Miller** stated the parks general fund budget is part of the City's general fund.
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251 **L. Berauer** asked if millage monies would be used in the budget year of 2010 – 2011.
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253 **J. Miller** stated only if capital investments are going to be made.
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255 **S. Offen** asked for brief explanation regarding the irrigation system.
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257 **J. Miller** stated there have been minor breaks but with the change of the pump nothing
258 major.
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260 **C. Smith** stated the irrigation system has done very well since the pump has been replaced.
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262 **S. Offen** stated he was very impressed with the marketing plan for 2008 and asked about
263 the marketing plan for 2009.
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265 **J. Miller** stated staff is in the process of developing the marketing plan for 2009. J. Miller
266 explained there are many tools to use for information posted on the web site.
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268 **L. Berauer** asked if the new pumping system was assisting in prolonging the life of the
269 irrigation system.
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271 **J. Miller** stated in the next 2 years there may not be a need to purchase a new system.
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273 **L. Berauer** stated there was a major concern regarding the irrigation system.
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275 **J. Miller** stated the controlled water flow has made a big difference and helped a great deal
276 with the pressure put on the system. There was another issue with the tunnel at Leslie golf
277 course, an advantage with bringing Cheryl Saam to the golf course was her suggestion of
278 using golf carts with the bumper guards (placing rubber strips on the floor of the culvert).
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280 **T. Berla** stated the services provided on the web site have been a great advantage;
281 including receiving emails on specific updated information.
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283 T. Berla also asked how many rounds were played this past year and if there is a forecast
284 as to when the golf courses may break even.
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286 **J. Miller** stated there have been approximately 26,371 rounds of golf played at Leslie golf
287 course and approximately 15,225 rounds of golf played at Huron Hills.
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289 The liquor license at Leslie has had a dramatic impact on sales as well as the food and
290 beverage sales being up approximately 300% this year, versus last year. The amenities
291 offered at the golf courses play a big part in bringing people to the golf courses.
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293 **S. Rapundalo** explained the task force is not solely looking at the numbers that have been
294 mentioned. S. Rapundalo also stated that Leslie Golf course is a different type of amenity
295 and facility than Huron Hills.
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297 Huron Hills golf course is geared toward a community experience, Leslie golf course is
298 geared towards the golf enthusiasts.
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300 Whether Huron Hills target seniors or the younger adults; this issue is being integrated when
301 focusing on the actual numbers for the golf courses, an immediate approach has not been
302 taken at this time.
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304 The challenge is to draw people to the courses; afterwards a rate change can be discussed.

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306 **T. Berla** asked for an explanation of the dollars per revenue per round.

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308 **J. Miller** explained staff is in the process of gathering this information.

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310 **D. Barrett** asked if there was any need to be concerned with the irrigation system.

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312 **J. Miller** stated the irrigation system is being managed to the best of our ability.

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314 **C. Smith** stated a specialist has inspected the irrigation system and concluded that it is
315 acceptable.

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317 **J. Grand** stated the efforts of the task force have been to focus on Huron Hills and focusing
318 on the community experience

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320 **J. Lawter** stated Leslie golf course has a good chance to sustain itself, but Huron Hills may
321 not. J. Lawter also stated that Huron Hills has the potential to continue to serve a need in
322 the community that is not offered in the private sector.

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324 **M. Anglin** stated now is the time for the golfer's and the golfer's that participate in leagues
325 should know of the many positive changes that have been made at the golf courses.

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327 **J. Miller** stated the leagues at the golf courses play a very important role, as they provide
328 guaranteed revenue at each course. There are three new leagues at Leslie golf course for
329 next season, which is very good news.

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331 **C. Smith** stated staff began working toward the goal of getting leagues involved last
332 summer and are seeing positive results.

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334 **J. Lawter** stated it is phenomenal to see the progress that has been made at the golf
335 courses.

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337 **C. Smith** stated at the end of the season an email blast was sent for marketing purposes
338 and the response was overwhelming.

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340 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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342 **B - UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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344 **C - NEW BUSINESS**

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346 **C-1 Park Land Zoning Process**

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348 **L. Berauer** stated an explanation will be given to the Commission in depth
349 regarding the process of Park Land Zoning.

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351 **G. Trocchio** spoke on this issue and explained there were discrepancies
352 regarding the process of acquiring.

353 At the present time there is a monthly meeting with the proper parties to
354 distinguish the difference in park land versus public land zoning; University
355 owned land as well as the Ann Arbor Public Schools.
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357 There was land that was residential zoned but was park land. This has been
358 cleaned up and is now accurate.
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360 **L. Berauer** asked if there was any specific park land and if the land is
361 considered public land.
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363 **G. Trocchio** explained the park land is purchased through the Resolutions
364 that go before City Council and is acquired or accepted as a donation. The
365 PROS plan is where the land is adopted and becomes part of the master plan.
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367 **G. Nystuen** asked is the park land was shown on the park map, and if it
368 shown separately from the public land.
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370 **G. Trocchio** stated yes it shown separately. Only the zoning map
371 distinguishes the differences in land.
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373 **G. Nystuen** stated several pieces of park land were rezoned according to the
374 recent City Council meeting discussion.
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376 **G. Nystuen** asked if there is any park land that is not zoned.
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378 **G. Trocchio** stated yes and has prepared petitions to correct the
379 discrepancies. At the present time there are approximately 44 parks or portion
380 of parks that will be rezoned.
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382 **C. Smith** stated the 44 parks are split into 3 groups.
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384 **G. Trocchio** stated it has been a long process to gather the information along
385 with checking the titles to the land.
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387 **L. Berauer** asked for an explanation of the process.
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389 **G. Trocchio** stated after the land has been shown to be park land, the
390 Planning Department prepares a rezoning petition, this goes before the
391 Planning Commission then there is a public meeting for the rezoning and
392 finally to City Council for the change.
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394 **L. Berauer** asked if City Council will then make the final decision.
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396 **S. Offen** asked if there have been any discrepancies found in this process and
397 if all of the land was in the City or if there was land that had to be annexed into
398 the City.
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400 **G. Trocchio** stated yes, there was land found that needed to be annexed into
401 the City.
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404 **S. Offen** asked if there are any problems that have arisen during this process.

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406 **G. Trocchio** stated no, the process has been fairly smooth; it has been time
407 consuming to go through all of the files.

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409 **L. Berauer** asked what the process is after a park is purchased.

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411 **G. Trocchio** stated after the closing process takes place an email is sent to
412 Parks, Planning and the GIS staff so they are aware that the property is City
413 owned. Afterwards the petition is prepared to go to the Planning Commission
414 then to City Council for rezoning.

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416 **S. Offen** asked if process is the same when property is dedicated.

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418 **G. Trocchio** stated yes once the deed is transferred to the city the process is
419 the same.

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421 **L. Berauer** asked if the trigger of the process is the title transfer.

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423 **G. Trocchio** stated yes and since the staff is meeting on a regular basis then
424 there is better communication.

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426 **G. Trocchio** stated there are two separate issues, the zoning issue and that
427 the parks are distinguished from other publicly owned land through the pros
428 plan as well as our park maps. The zoning is the same.

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430 **M. Anglin** asked if residents would be able to identify a park in the PROS plan
431 as it expands.

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433 **G. Trocchio** stated yes and that the PROS plan is updated every five years as
434 well as updates to the website.

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436 **L. Berauer** stated it is important to realize that the PROS plan will never have
437 the most current information because it is only updated every five years.

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439 **G. Nystuen** stated the whole list of parks is in a separate guide and this
440 information is also located on the map which is updated more frequently.

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442 **C. Smith** explained there are three ways to find out if a space is a park. The
443 most current information will be on the website. The next more current
444 information would be the parks maps that are printed every few years based
445 on need. The last would be the PROS plan.

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447 **J. Lawter** asked if there is a special designation for park land.

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449 **G. Trocchio** stated yes that it is not in the zoning but park land is specifically
450 designated.

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454 **J. Lawter** asked if the 44 properties mentioned earlier are in the process of
455 being designated park land.

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457 **G. Trocchio** stated no. These properties are to be rezoned depending on
458 what the zoning was under private ownership.

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460 **L. Berauer** stated that the Farmer's Market was not zoned as public land but
461 is considered a park that has been a part of the PROS plan for at least two
462 cycles. The formal administrative procedure that took place should be
463 explained to the Commission.

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465 L. Berauer suggested a future meeting take place with administrative staff to
466 gain a clearer understanding of the decision that was made regarding the
467 status of the Farmer's Market.

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469 **C. Smith** stated he would try to find out more information about the
470 administrative procedure regarding Farmer's Market.

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472 **G. Nystuen** expressed concerns regarding pieces of public land including
473 islands, subdivisions and center parts of the highway and questioned where
474 the responsibility lies regarding the maintenance of those areas. This has
475 become an issue for the Parks Department.

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477 **C. Smith** stated he would get clarification regarding this matter and bring this
478 information back to the Commission.

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480 **D - COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**

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482 **D-1** Review of Park Advisory Commission Work Plan for 2008 – 2009

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484 **L. Berauer** stated everyone assigned to specific tasks as it pertains to the
485 work plan would update the Commission. The retreat that took place in
486 February of 2008 was very helpful.

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488 **B. Macomber** stated the budget and finance committee needs to establish a
489 timeline with staff regarding the budget since we are entering the two year
490 budgeting process.

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492 **L. Berauer** stated the situation is improving and the Commission appreciates
493 what staff has done to make the process easier for all involved.

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495 **C. Smith** stated meetings will be scheduled so that the quarterly reports can
496 be reviewed before they are brought to the Commission. The goal is to
497 create detailed forecast reports so the Commission will have better
498 clarity.

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500 **L. Berauer** asks if the Commission agrees to have the budget and finance
501 information more accessible to the public including placing the information on
502 the web site.

505 **S. Offen** stated he agreed the information should be clear and concise.

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507 **T. Berla** stated he agrees that the information should be placed on the web
508 site, but the information would need to be clearly stated and as uncomplicated
509 as possible so that everyone can understand when reading it.

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511 **C. Smith** stated the packet that contains the quarterly forecast will be
512 accessible to the public.

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514 **L. Berauer** stated if the quarterly packet is placed on the web site someone
515 would need to know exactly where and how to gain access to the information.

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517 L. Berauer suggested a link be created with directions on how to
518 navigate the website for specific information.

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520 **D. Barrett** stated one of the concerns with the budget process is that the
521 information be made clear as to which accounting practice will be used.

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523 **L. Berauer** stated the conversation would move to the updates regarding the
524 athletic fields.

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526 **D. Barrett** spoke on the field renovation issue and updated the Commission on the
527 progress of the fields. Not only premium fields are being renovated, there are other
528 fields being renovated. New equipment has been purchased and this has been a
529 tremendous help with the maintenance the fields.

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531 The renovations and improvements at Fuller and Olson field have shown very positive
532 results.

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534 **C. Smith** stated the creation and rehabilitation is extremely important. Staff is also
535 including the task force at the monthly meetings and being kept involved with the entire
536 process.

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538 **S. Rosencrans** spoke in depth regarding capital expenditures and park development
539 process. This task force meets with staff every six weeks and discusses the progress of
540 park projects and which are priorities. The goal is to work on the process as well as how
541 to prioritize the park projects and how to have a clear understanding of how to deliver
542 what is forthcoming.

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544 **C. Smith** stated the timing has worked well with trying to re-evaluate the
545 process. C. Smith stated he would like to continue power point presentations
546 from Jeff Dehring and Amy Kuras so the Commission can clearly see the
547 projects in progress, and also physically visit the sites in the spring where
548 projects are taking place.

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550 **L. Berauer** stated that would be very nice for the Commission to actually see
551 the projects in progress and completed.

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553 **S. Rosencrans** stated he has been to the actual sites of the projects, and this
554 has been very helpful.

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556 **C. Smith** explained the documents that were included in the packet explaining
557 where the millage money is spent will come in the packets on a monthly basis,
558 which is very informative.

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560 **L. Berauer** stated this information is also on the web site and is very
561 informative.

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563 **J. Grand** spoke on the issue of public interface and stated after the first of the
564 year she would be able to become more involved with this particular task. Her
565 intentions will be to go to the web site to see how the information is presented.
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567 **C. Smith** stated there has been many changes and updates to the park web
568 site and this has proven to be very helpful and informative.

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570 **T. Berla** spoke in depth on the Recreation & Education interface with the City
571 explaining that it is an on going situation

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573 Recreation and Education offers programs that are as equally important as the
574 programs that the City offers. Also explaining his concern regarding the
575 relationship with the City and Recreation and Education and if a policy change
576 or any updates have taken place it should come before the Commission.
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578 **L. Berauer** stated the Park Advisory Commission and City Council interface
579 has proven to be helpful for more direct interface with City Council regarding
580 Resolutions and other correspondence.

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582 **S. Rosencrans** spoke on the Park Advisory Commission and City Council
583 interface, and stated he spoke to Council at the December meeting and felt it
584 was a good idea to be more visible at the Council meeting representing the
585 Park Advisory Commission.
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587 **C. Taylor** stated he agrees that the relationship with the Park Advisory
588 Commission and City Council has and will continue to improve with the efforts
589 of the task force working the Park Advisory Commission and City Council
590 interface committee.
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592 **S. Rosencrans** explained the next step regarding the situation at Argo Dam
593 will be to have the public meeting in January/February 2009 to discuss various
594 ideas on how to move forward. S. Rosencrans stated this is a very large
595 group that is well informed and will have a great presentation.
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597 **L. Berauer** urged the Commissioners to also attend the public meetings to
598 hear what the public are saying. By attending the public meetings
599 the Commission will be able to make better decisions on various issues.
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601 **S. Offen** asked if it was clear on who has the authority to make the final
602 decision regarding the Argo Dam issue.
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606 **S. Rosencrans** explained there is a lot of City owned land by the river and the
607 State monitors the waterways.

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609 Discussions are not at the point to where any final decisions will be made
610 regarding the issues.

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612 **L. Berauer** asked if the condition of the Dam is what brought these issues to
613 the forefront.

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615 **S. Rosencrans** stated the entire river system was in need of discussion. The
616 dam is one issue being discussed.

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618 **C. Smith** stated he also would like to urge the Commission to attend the public
619 meeting so that everyone can hear the opinions of the public as well as
620 viewing any presentations that will be shown..

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622 **L. Berauer** stated the Allen Creek Greenway discussion does not have any
623 discussion at this time, but she has notes regarding the Allen Creek Greenway
624 and would be happy to share them with the Commission.

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626 **E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**

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628 **C. Smith** stated this meeting will be the last meeting in the Council Chambers
629 due to the construction at City Hall.

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631 Beginning with the January 20, 2009 meeting, the Commission will meet at
632 **220 N. Main St., County Board of Commission Public Meeting Room.**

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634 **C. Smith** also commented on the budget and would like to meet with the
635 budget committee. C. Smith also suggested any ideas and priorities the
636 Commission would like to see in the new budget be discussed at the January
637 20, 2009 meeting.

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639 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**

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641 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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643 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
644 **FORCES**

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646 **H-1** Update from Environmental Commission

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648 **G. Nystuen** stated the major item that impacts the Commission has been discussed by
649 S. Rosencrans regarding the Argo Dam.

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651 **H-1** Update from 415 W. Washington Committee

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653 **S. Rosencrans** stated the committee has completed their recommendations and staff
654 is in the process of reorganizing it. It will be presented to City Council in January 2009
655 and could be approximately a 6 week process.

- 657 I - **PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL** (3 Minutes per Speaker)
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659 J - **CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH PRIVELEDGED CLIENT ATTORNEY INFORMATION**
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661 K - **TRANSMITTALS**
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663 K-1 City Council Items Update
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665 K-2 Park Project Update
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667 K-3 City of Ann Arbor 2008 – 2013 Park Maintenance and Capital
668 Improvements Millage Status
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670 K-4 Special Presentations Golf Materials
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672 K-5 Park & Recreation Events December 2008
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674 K-6 Park Advisory Commission 2009 Meeting Schedule
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676 There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Berla**
677 moved that the meeting be adjourned. The regular meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.
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