

Minutes
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 7:00p.m.
Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger Senior Community Center
Game Room
3500 Marais
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Commissioner Melanie Macey, Hannah Holiday, Perry Abbey, Susan Wells, Ryan Danescu, Brigitta Burgess, Sarah Kindinger

Also, Present: John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Members Absent: Aaron Filipski, Director of Public Works and Recreation, Samantha Grant, Tony's Rennpage

I. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Commissioner Macey, 2nd by Susan Wells, passed unanimously.

II. **Introduction of New Members**

Introduction of new members Ryan Danescu and Brigitta Burgess

III. **City Commission Comments:**

Officially broken off the Senior Services from this board and the Older Age Board is seeking candidates for the board. If interested, you can be on both. This board will be entirely focused on Parks and Recreation. The crime prevention council committee has been shut down. A community engagement board has taken its place. Has not been appointed yet. Now on commission for the arts, DDA talking about having an art contest. Doing an art contest, theme is "things in royal oak." Have some parks and rec focus items. Royal Oak Leprechauns are making a play for the city to fund the grandstands. Last two years, a Juneteenth celebration, committee is looking for members to discuss planning. Budget in process

IV. **Public Comment:**

Sharlan Douglas – make a plea for abundant comfortable well-located seating in parks. Could not find seats in the park outside of around the

play structure. Better example, centennial commons, seating in centennial commons is uncomfortable. Location is also as important, focusing on shade and around trees.

End Public Comment

V. **Business:**

a. Proposed Programming Fees Increase

- Motion by Perry Abbey to approve the Pre-School rate increases as proposed by John, 2nd by Commissioner Macey, discussion by Sarah Kindinger, review rates annually. Passed unanimously.
- Motion by Commissioner Macey approve the proposed field rates as proposed by John, 2nd Ryan Danescu, passed unanimously.
- Motion by Commissioner Macey to approve the proposed pavilion rates with the adjustment to make VFW Large, Starr Large and Lawson Park the same rates with the adjustment to add an additional \$5 for non-residents for these pavilions, 2nd by Hannah Holiday, passed unanimously.

b. Senior Center Report

- Received bids for the replacements of Fridge, Freezer and Dishwasher

c. Staff Report

- The contract for Dickinson Park Tennis and Basketball Courts will go in front of commission in February.
- Installed a fence on the sledding hill.
- Updated park signs will be installed in couple of weeks, weather dependent.

VI. **Items not on the Agenda**

Susan Wells, working on talking points regarding city leases.

VII. **Upcoming Events**

Next Meeting: February 1, 2024

Adjourn: Motion by Hannah Holiday , 2nd by Susan Wells , passed 8:33 pm unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fedele

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

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