

**City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission**

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF  
February 10, 2016 at Wyoming City Hall, West Conference Room**

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Present: Robert Cook, Megan Harley, Ken Hornecker, Oogie LaMar, Ed McGregor, Dave Skinner, Doug Wustman, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Doug Broek, Aaron Velthouse

Guest:

Staff Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Cindra Barber

- A. Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission** – Commission Chair, Doug Wustman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by Megan Harley to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Ed McGregor. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation from January 13, 2016 Meeting** – A motion was made by Ed McGregor and seconded by Megan Harley to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes)** – None
- E. FY 2016 and Proposed FY 2017 Budget Update** - Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to the commission. Revenue projected from the core taxes is \$2.9 million which compared to 2016 was \$2.8 million. We are seeing roughly a 2% increase from property taxes as a net overall. Also, overall we are looking at \$3.4 million projected in core revenue for 2017 as compared to \$3.3 million in revenue from this current year.

Rynbrandt mentioned some of the Capital Projects for the parks in 2017.

- Replace the Palmer Park backstop fencing.
- Run new water lines to the Quanset Hut in Pinery Park.
- Replace tennis court fencing at Lemery Park.
- Replace shingled roof with a metal roof on the Pinery Park Lodge.
- Tree Planting
- Demolition of older building in Pinery Park, most recently used as PPLL office. Wustman raised the question of cost savings if the fire department were to use the building for training purposes when it was demoed. That would also give the fire fighters an opportunity for real fire experience. Rynbrandt thought that was a great idea but pointed out there would still be demo and restoration costs involved.

- F. Ideal Park MNRTF Grant Application** –Grant Site Plan and Project Budget – Rynbrandt gave a visual presentation of the site development plan. The cost estimate has not changed and is still at \$808,000.00. Our portion would be \$508,000.00 since the maximum grant award we can receive from the National Resources Trust Fund is \$300,000.00. We are moving along in the process. The grant has to be in before April 1, 2016 and there is a public notification process as well. The public hearing on the application is scheduled for the March 7, 2016 City Council meeting at which time they will officially be asked to commit the funds to the project if awarded the grant. The Parks and Recreation Commission is

asked to support submitting the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application for the Ideal Park Development Project.

A motion was made by Megan Harley and seconded by Ken Hornecker to recommend the City Council commit the funds and approve submitting the grant to the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Motion carried: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

- G. Library Millage Expansion Update** – Rynbrandt informed the Commission we would not be asking voters to make a change in the millage at this time. That was decided by the Mayor, City Manager and other Council Members. There was concern about costs related to having a special millage just for that question if there weren't any other millage questions from the schools for the May election. The next opportunity would have been the election in November but with the presidential election and with many other possible millage choices being placed on the November ballot it would not be beneficial to ask voters at that time. Also, if we wait until November, we cannot collect until the following year anyway so the idea is to wait until February or May of next year.
- H. Pinery Park Little League Update** – PPLL registrations has been occurring at Marge's Donuts and the Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and Recreation has 102 participants entered into the RecTrac system but staff is still entering registration forms brought in from PPLL's last two registration dates at Marge's. Questions were asked regarding how this year's registration numbers compare to prior years. Rynbrandt explained we do not have good data from prior years but, with the new registration process, we will have that type of information going forward and pointed out that is one of the benefits of the Parks and Recreation department being involved. However, many of the commissioners urged Rynbrandt to "put some pressure" on PPLL for enrollment numbers since they should have their rosters from previous years to look back on. Rynbrandt reminded them that we have been aware of the fact that PPLL kept very poor records previously and not everyone was required to pay to play. Going forward, we can say with confidence, that everyone is being registered and if they are granting scholarships it is being well documented to whom and the reason why. Rynbrandt offered to email updated enrollment numbers to the commissioners after the final two registration dates are completely entered into RecTrac.
- I. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** – Rynbrandt informed the Commissioners that in April she will be asking them to evaluate the policies and rules and regulations as related to user groups in the parks. Barb DeCan, a member of the Oriole Park Neighborhood Association, has raised a concern regarding individuals attending Oriole Park who are not from the neighborhood and large size groups that she believes are prohibiting the neighborhoods use of the park. Barb has requested we evaluate making the use of the shelter as reservation only. At the April meeting Rynbrandt would like to process, with the Parks Commission, our policies and have Barb pre-submit information of what she and the Neighborhood Watch Association are concerned about and get their suggestions. She would also like to invite them to attend the April meeting.

Hornecker asked Rynbrandt if the alcohol policy that they worked on a year or so ago had completed its way through or died out. Rynbrandt stated it is not dead but not moving forward at this place in time.

Wustman asked if Wyoming had pickle ball courts. Rynbrandt advised him that we have courts at Pinery Park and Lemery Park and possibly other parks as well and would check on that and add the list of pickle ball courts in Wyoming to the email she would be sending out with the PPLL enrollment updates.

Skinner commented he will not be able to attend the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Rynbrandt used his comment as a reminder to everyone to please respond to meeting notification and attendance emails to advise on meeting attendance and thanked all of those who do respond in a timely manner.

- **Recruitment of New Members** – We have two vacancies.

**J. Public Comment in General (Limit to 3 minutes) - None**

**K. Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting** – A motion to adjourn was made by Megan Harley and seconded by Ken Hornecker. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission: March 9, 2016.

Recorded by   
Cindra Barber  
Recording Secretary