

City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF

NOVEMBER 9, 2011

Present: Rhonda Buck, Bob Cook, Megan Harley, Rod VanOeveren, Doug Wustman, Oogie LaMar, Eric Hartfield, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Jim Austin, Dave Skinner,

Staff Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Gloria Pelton

A. Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission – Chairperson Doug Wustman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Approval of Agenda –A motion was made by Rod VanOeveren to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Rhonda Buck. Motion carried.

C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the October 14, 2011 Meeting – A motion was made by Rod VanOeveren, seconded by Eric Hartfield to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None

E. Michigan Shoreline Partnership Proposed Project (Lamar Park) – The Michigan State University Extension has approached the city about offering a class to create a proposed shore line as a demonstration area to promote natural shoreline management. The project would be a labor free educational opportunity. They would however, seek the city to purchase the product which is approximately \$4000. This cost is for 60 – 100 feet of shoreline. The funds are not in this year's budget so Council would need to be presented with a recommendation from the staff and Commission in support of a fund balance draw to fund the project. Rod asked if there is a fee for the class and Becky said that there is. The demonstration would not have an impact on the Lamar geese population as the shoreline change would be minor. Oogie LaMar asked if they had any other options for a site. Rynbrandt indicated that no other options would be viable in the park system and she was unaware of any other sites being pursued by the ground in the metro area. Doug Wustman questioned if there was any benefit to the City of Wyoming school districts? Lamar felt that due to the limit in size of the affected area and the rising cost of busing that school districts would not visit the site as part of their ecological curriculum. It was the consensus of the Commission not to pursue the opportunity further. Rynbrandt will so advise the Extension office.

F. Kent County Parks & Recreation Consolidation Study – The Steering Committee met on Monday, October 10. The Steering Committee will meet with the consultants on the first phase of the study on Monday, November 14. The committee hasn't seen the participation by many communities as of yet that they had expected. Communities were asked to submit detailed reports of budget, etc. Limited data submission will greatly affect the validity of the study. Wyoming has submitted all of the requested information. Rod VanOeveren asked if there are other communities involved that operate from millage dollars. Becky explained how the various communities operate. The Recreation Programming staff will be meeting with the consultants on Monday, November 14th as well.

G. DTE Tree Planting, Lion Club Tree Project – The Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a tree grant from DTE and the trees have been planted at Prairie, Lamar & Pinery Parks. The department has also been approached by the Lions Club for a project that they are

working on for spring. They are looking at planting trees in Marquette Park in particular. Doug Wustman and Oogie LaMar suggested the possibly that the Lions club include some of the student groups in the community as part of their project.

H. Recreation Facility Use Agreements

SKRA – No response has been received from SKRA. The deadline is December 31, 2011.

Pinery Park Little League – John Edgerle has assured Rynbrandt that they are in talks with Musco Lighting to redo their loan agreement and payment schedule. He has also assured her that they owe under \$500 in other debts, not including the City of Wyoming.

I. Capital Projects Update

Pinery Park North Parking Lots & Walk/Bike Path Improvements – The original quote for the project was \$154,843, however, unstable soils during construction have added to that number. Increases in cement, pulva mixing, and top soil have added to the cost. \$17,800 will be transferred from the fund balance to cover the additional cost. The proposal will be presented to City Council at the next work meeting.

J. Housekeeping/Informational Items – Rynbrandt encouraged the Commission to place the following dates on their calendars. We have these events returning again this year thanks to the excellent work of staff involved.

June 28, 2012 – Miranda Park Party, Lamar Park

August 3-5, 2012 – St. Joseph the Worker Hispanic Festival, Lamar Park

Correspondence (General) - None

M. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions – Doug Wustman thanked everyone for attending the meetings. He is conscious of the Commissioners time in which each dedicates to service away from family. He encourages dialog on agenda items but will also work hard at keeping everyone on task for effective meetings.

N. Public Comment in General (Limit to 3 minutes) – None

O. Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting – Motion to adjourn was made by Rod VanOeveren, seconded by Eric Hartfield. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Recorded by _____

Gloria Pelton
Recording Secretary