

## **City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission**

### **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF April 9, 2014**

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Present: Doug Broek, Robert Cook, Ken Hornecker, Ed McGregor, Dave Skinner, Aaron Velthouse, Doug Wustman, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Megan Harley, Eric Hartfield, Oogie Lamar, Alex Smart  
Guest:

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. Ed McGregor was welcomed as a new member of the commission.
- B. Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made by Doug Broek to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Ed McGregor. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the March 12, 2014 Meeting** – A motion was made by Doug Broek and seconded by Ed McGregor to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None**
- E. Alcohol Permits/Beer Tents in Parks Update** –Parks & Recreation staff is moving forward with developing a policy based upon City Council's willingness to consider such a policy as recommended by the Commission.
- F. Legislative Advocacy** – Rebecca had forwarded an email to commission members from the MNRTF (Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund) which notified the City of another possible raid on the fund. The City of Wyoming has already been hampered from further park development by the MNRTF endowment cap being met and grant maximums reduced from \$600,000 to \$300,000. Any further raid on the MNRTF further ensures the inability of communities to repair, improve, and/or develop parks and recreation facilities. This is the primary fund that we were looking at for funding future improvements at Jackson Park. Legislature is attempting to redirect the money for road repairs. Rebecca asked that each commissioner form their opinion and contact your legislature if you choose to do so.
- G. Capital Projects Update**
- Wyoming Senior Center Community Room Renovations - The Open House is being held on Monday, April 14, 2014 from 3 – 6 pm.
  - Buck Creek Nature Preserve Path Removal – Bids are being accepted for the removal of the trail. The trail will not be rebuilt as it would be an uninsurable structure and very costly. April 15 is the bid deadline. Rebecca reached out to the Michigan State prisoner program but they were not interested in the project.
- J. General Updates**
- We are waiting to hear on TEAM 21 Grant funding. We currently have 7 sites at

maximum capacity and 300 children on a wait list.

- The department is ahead of schedule with hiring seasonal staff. All parks will be open by May 1.
- Rebecca handed out information on the KCSM Golf Outing which will be held on Friday, June 13 at the Meadows Golf Course in Allendale.
- The Carnival is currently underway which benefits programs in our department.
- The demolition of Studio 28 is almost completed.
- The last session of the current citizen's academy was held on April 8, at which Rebecca presented. The City of Wyoming also offers a Police Academy which covers the various divisions of the Police Department and a New American's Academy for people who are new to this country.

**K. Commissioner Recruitment** – With the addition of Ed McGregor there remains one open position on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Possible members can be any registered voter in Wyoming.

**K. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** – Ed McGregor passed on to the commission that several people have mentioned to him that the WSC parking lot is getting a lot of cracks and potholes. Rynbrandt will assess the situation.

Doug Wustman asked if anyone is aware how large sports complexes are funded. Rebecca shared that most are privately funded, non-profit organizations, or tax based.

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

**M. Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting** – Motion to adjourn was made by Ed McGregor and seconded by Ken Hornecker. The meeting was adjourned at 7: 43 p.m.

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria Pelton  
Recording Secretary