

City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF December 12, 2012

Present: Robert Cook, Eric Hartfield, Oogie LaMar, Dave Skinner, Alex Smart, Rod VanOeveren, Aaron Velthouse, Doug Wustman, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Doug Broek, Megan Harley

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.
- B. Approval of Agenda** –A motion was made by Rod VanOeveren to approve the agenda with changes and it was seconded by Dave Skinner. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Meeting** – A motion was made by Eric Hartfield, seconded by Bob Cook to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None**
- E. Grand Rapids Rifle & Pistol Club Lease** – Rebecca provided a copy of the lease between the City of Wyoming and the Grand Rapids Pistol Club. The commission requested the information in light of the concern brought to a recent council meeting by a Wyoming citizen. There was some inappropriate behavior by a past officer of the club but no wrong doing on the part of the club. The individual's membership was revoked. The club has been in existence since the 1950s. They purchased and constructed the building. The property is leased and the exterior grounds maintained by the city. Upon the event of sale of the property, the City of Wyoming would have to pay them the fair market value.
- F. Michigan Open Carry of Fire Arms** – Information was shared about the laws regarding open carry of a fire arm. The only City of Wyoming building where it is prohibited is the court building. Open carry is permissible in any City park, the Wyoming Senior Center, Wyoming Public Library, etc.
- G. Capital Projects Update**
- The Jackson Park Storm Water Control Study is complete. We are looking to write a grant for the next portion which is due April 15. Inlets would be on the east side to create the water in/out for the wetland area. Good soil will be re-distributed to raise the playground area. The overall

amount for complete redevelopment based upon the entire master plan is \$3 million but will be done in stages. The first stage will include the playground/splash pad area, the wetland and boardwalk. We are retaining \$450,000 – \$500,000 for the match on this project within our reserved fund balance.

H. Grants/Informational Items

- **5-Year Community Recreation Master Plan** – Once housekeeping is complete, it will be available in electronic form or hard copy.
- **KCSM Stepping Stones Award**– We received a 5% reduction from last year. This is attributed to continued reduction in property values throughout the county. Fortunately we have a good fund balance, looking to finish with approximately \$10,000.
- **Major Dates of Upcoming Activities**
 - i. Relay for Life, May 10-11
 - ii. Concerts in the Park, Tuesdays, June 4-August 13 (possible fireworks July 2)
 - iii. Maranda Park Party, June 27
 - iv. Viva Mexico Festival, July 20
 - v. St. Joseph the Worker Church Parish Festival, August 3-4

I. **Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** – Rod VanOeveren apologized for not responding to last months meeting notice. The response was very good from commissioners this month.

J. **Public Comment in General** – None

K. **Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting** – Motion to adjourn was made by Rod VanOeveren and seconded by Oogie LaMar. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by _____
Gloria Pelton
Recording Secretary