

CITY OF WOODHAVEN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2016

Recreation Commission Meeting of August 15, 2016 held at Woodhaven City Hall, 21869 West Road, Woodhaven, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Richard Conz, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT: Mr. Mike VonLinsowe, Ms. Sally Lancaster, Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Mr. Terry Kekich, Mr. Donald Holland, Mr. Richard Conz, Mr. Scott Maher, Ms. Shannon Fuller, Mr. Tim Rooney, Director of Parks and Recreation

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Ed Odette, Deputy Director

Moved by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. VonLinsowe, to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of July 18, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

MONTHLY REPORT:

A. Staffing Update.

1. Introduction of Deputy Director.

The Recreation Department welcomed Ed Odette (Deputy Director) to the staff in early July. Ed has been focused on coordination of upcoming special event (Mega March & Vintage Market). He was the department's lead in coordination of support services to various activities throughout the Uncle Sam Jam weekend.

In addition to special events coordination, Ed has worked with DPS on several park projects including the installation of new benches, the development of a park map, installation of two message boards and repairs to fencing.

Ed is just beginning to work on a new sponsorship program and with community foundations in support of public parks and recreation programs.

He will be attending training sessions for playground safety inspection this fall or early next spring. The focus on park facilities and equipment will be a major plus throughout the community.

B. Facility/Services Report.

1. Community Center

Currently prioritizing available CDBG funding for senior wing. Projects to be scheduled and completed in 2016-17:

- Ceiling Tile
- Sound System
- Flooring (Carpeted Area)

2. Civic Center Park.

Inline Skating Rink.

The DPS employees have completed the removal of old fencing and dasher boards at the inline skating rink.

City Council approved Becker Arena to supply and install the new dasher boards and fencing. The old boards served us well for five years and the new system will be a major improvement not only to the skate rink but the entire park. Installation will begin this fall.

3. Neighborhood Parks.

Upper Constitution Safety Repairs.

Repairs to Upper Constitution Park will begin during the second week September.

Heritage 4 Safety Repairs.

Once we receive final notification from Wayne County for a \$14,000 grant, we will seek City Council support and approval for acceptance of the funding to complete upgrades and repairs to play structure at Heritage 4 Park.

C. Program Update.

1. Summer Program Update-Park Playground Mini Session.

The enrollment for the traditional park playground program was 407 children. The enrollment for the new Mini Session (2 weeks) in August was 115 children. The new program was well coordinated and considered a huge success.

2. The Pathway Fall/Winter Guide.

The new Fall/Winter guide has been sent to the printer for final typesetting. A few program details still need to be confirmed and that information will be sent on Tuesday, August 16.

3. Special Events (Fall).

Vintage Market Follow-Up.

The next Finders Keeper's Vintage Market will be scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2016. The Vintage Market event will follow the Michigan Humane Society's Mega March in Civic Center Park on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Hallohaven and Monster Mash.

Hallohaven is scheduled from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, October 29 and the Monster Mash follows on Sunday, October 30.

We are currently planning for large crowds and will closely coordinate with city departments and administration.

4. Youth Baseball/Softball.

Season has ended. Our volunteer coaches did a tremendous job.

Ted Cooper has indicated the 2016 season was definitely his last as the Woodhaven coordinator. He has committed to guiding the new coordinator during all phases of planning leading up to registration and the start of the 2017 season. Ted has served the city with dedication and commitment. Thank You Ted!

Currently, we have two potential candidates for the Youth Softball/Coordinator.

5. Senior Programs.

Senior Programs and Services.

The Downriver Senior Olympics was held from July 25 through July 29. Woodhaven had (40) participants. Shelley Clark will be scheduling an Awards Recognition Ceremony at an upcoming City Council meeting.

The Woodhaven Parks and Recreation staff coordinated the softball throw, pickleball and tennis. The City of Wyandotte hosted this year's event.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Moved by Mr. Maher, seconded by Ms. Fuller, the meeting be adjourned at 7:42 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Richard Conz, Chairman

Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Secretary