

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Bus Tour of Parks

August 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Alexander Simpson, Chairperson, at 6:41 pm.

Present: Alexander Simpson, Mickey Alderman, Juanita Bell, Beverly Wiggins, Dwight Thomas, Patrick North

Members Absent: Diane Spiller, Barb Weiskopf, Jim Weiskopf

Council Member Present: Regina Weiss

Recreation Staff Present: Laurie Stasiak

Approval of minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting for July 18, 2018. Motion to accept by Alexander Simpson

Seconded by: Dwight Thomas

Council Comments – Council Member, Regina Weiss

Congratulations on a job well done. Keep up the good work.

Recreation Updates – Laurie Stasiak, Director

Maralee Rosemond and David Pitts provided updates

Autumn Fest plans are in place

Farmers' Market has been well attended and vendors are pleased with results.

Boo Bash will be an inside/outside event with more decorations being added to attract visitors.

Volunteers are needed for Autumn Fest and Boo Bash.

Staff Changes – New librarian from Clinton Twp./Denice DeSantis is no longer with the City of Oak Park. A current staff member was promoted to fill that vacancy.

Summer Concerts experienced a high number of concertgoers that included 800 – 900 visitors attending and concluded with the performance of Kimmie Horne on August 2nd.

Summer Camp ended on August 10th.

Senior Activities continue to be extremely popular and are a sell out every time.

Currently gearing up for fall programs that will include a variety of opportunities for seniors.

Male and Female swimmers were very popular averaging 60 – 100 swimmers daily.

Kickball leagues ends on Friday, August 17th.

Fall soccer league play begins September 8th.

Two concert sponsors totaled \$1600 in sponsorship.

Park Visitation Recreation Bus Tour

Recreation Facility Evaluation Tool was provided. Participants were encouraged to check all items that apply to each recreation site visited. Discussions will be on-going and results from member input will be shared at each monthly meeting.

New Business – Commission Project

Copies of possibilities were distributed. It was suggested to blend these ideas with other planned events throughout the year.

It was moved by Beverly Wiggins and seconded by Dwight Thomas to table the ideas.

Next scheduled meeting is September 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Room 4. Meeting was rescheduled from September 19th in observance of Yom Kippur.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Motioned by: Beverly Wiggins

Seconded by: Dwight Thomas

Respectfully submitted by Juanita Bell, Recording Secretary