

**CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Alexander Simpson, Chairperson

II. Introduction(s)

New member, Patrick North, introduced himself followed by members present – Alexander Simpson, Mickey Alderman, Juanita Bell, Dwight Thomas, and Beverly Wiggins.

Staff Member Present: Laurie Stasiak

Councilmember: Regina Weiss

Members Absent: Jim Weiskopf, Barb Weiskopf and Diane Spiller

III. Minutes from January 17, 2018 and February 19, 2018 special meeting were approved.

IV. Council Comments: Regina Weiss

Welcomed Patrick North to the Parks and Recreation Board of Commission

Reminder of “The State of the City Address” on Wednesday, March 14th at 7 pm – Oak Park City Hall
Praised the commissioners for playing a role in the OPR Master Plan – 2018-2022 and for attendance at the City Council Meeting on February 19th

Commented on TCC upcoming fundraiser, Sunday, Feb. 25th – “Laughter is My Drug” and encouraged participation

V. Recreation Updates – Laurie Stasiak

Thanked the commissioners for their support – 100% attendance at Council Meeting.

Master Plan: Needs to be tweaked and due to DNR on March 1st. Online document will be available for viewing.

Free Concerts in the Park: Beginning June and will run 6 weeks with a possibility of 7 weeks (Kimmie Horn will close out the concerts.)

- St. Patrick’s Day Social (Adaptive Program) in partnership with Oakland County Parks, March 16th from 6 – 8 pm at OPCC – Adults 18 and over – Pizza, music and dancing - \$10.00 participant/\$5.00 caregiver
- Free Tri Community County Health Fair – Sunday, April 22, 1-4 pm OPCC – sponsored by OP, Berkley, HW with different types of vendors that are kid friendly
- Free World Dance Day: Sponsored by Arts, Cultural, and Diversity Commission – Sunday, April 29th
6:30 – 9:30 pm OPCC
- Free Rhythm and Rhymes Jazz Fest: Saturday, July 21st, 1-9 pm – Southfield Civic Center – partnered with OP, Southfield, Lathrup Village
- Daddy Daughter Dance: 75 couples participated – sold out event – Thanks to Mickey, Bev., Diana, and Alex for volunteering.
- Winterfest: Record crowd, more people than ever before, ran out of refreshments, families from near and far came out. Thanks to all who volunteered.
- Special Events/Senior Programs: Thanks to Maralee Redmond for doing an awesome job. About 150 people came out to the “Harriet Tubman” performance. Performer came back the next day and did a presentation for the hs students at OP. Events and programs are ongoing.

- **Sports:** Dan Parker is doing an outstanding job with his sports teams. Basketball teams are doing great with another month left in the season. Soccer registration begin March 8th. Baseball registration begins April 5th. Karate classes have 36 registrants.

Commission Members Update:

- Two commissioners were dropped due to attendance.
- It was motioned by Beverly Wiggins and seconded by Dwight Thomas that we will elect officers in January for another year.

Announcement:

February 27th is IHOP National Pancake Day – Sponsored by Kiwanis No. 1 Club of Detroit

Meeting: 1st Tuesday of the month at the DAC

For more information contact Beverly Wiggins – bwiggie@comcast.net

It was motioned by Beverly Wiggins and seconded by Dwight Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Prepared by:

Juanita Bell, Secretary