

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
July 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Alexander Simpson, Chairperson, at 7:14 pm.

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

Members Absent: Patrick North, 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 June 20, 2018. Motion to accept by Alexander Simpson

Seconded by: Beverly Wiggins

**Council Comments** – Council Member, Regina Weiss

4<sup>th</sup> of July events were amazing

Concerts are going well with good attendance

Senior Lunch Bunch was a success

Keep up the good work

**Recreation Updates** – Laurie Stasiak, Director

Thanks to 4<sup>th</sup> of July volunteers for a job well done and to the TRI Community Coalition for helping to spearhead the pancake breakfast.

Event went well.

55 runners participated and received positive feedback.

Improvements on timing of runners need to be tweaked.

42 participants participated in the parade. There were some cancellations due to heat.

All events had ended by 4:00 pm.

**Concerts** are going well – Sponsors have been pleased with the quality of entertainment and crowd attendance.

Concert Partnership with the City of Southfield is scheduled for July 21, 2018. This is a free concert and the community is encouraged to attend.

There are three remaining concerts left in this summer series.

Summer Concert Series are presented by United Health Care.

**Park It – Family Fun Night**

Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> – David H. Shepherd Park

Event Starts at 6:00 pm. Is free and opened to the community.

Community Sponsors are Farm Bureau Insurance and Metro PCS.  
Visit: [parkit4fun.com](http://parkit4fun.com)

**Kids Camp** has 30 – 32 participants and is almost near capacity. Camp is housed in Room C. Kids are getting a good dosage of well-rounded events.

On Your Mark event was sponsored by National Kidney Foundation (NKF)  
Day Camp License Inspection was passed with a few minor tweaks.

**Oak Park's Farmers Market** is every Wednesday – July 18<sup>th</sup> September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

15 vendors participated and attracted between 300 – 400 people.

This event has been made possible by Humana being the funded source and Beaumont providing Educational Materials.

Welcome David Pitts, new Recreation Coordinator. David will be invited to attend the September meeting.

The recreation department would like to take recreation into the community with a focus on parks and funds are badly needed.

August 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm will be a park tour with discussions in lieu of a meeting. Dewey Park and Lessenger Park will be the focused target. Smart bus system will provide transportation.

New Business – Commission Project

**“Oak Park Got Talent”** and a **“Family Fun Walk”** were ideas shared as future possibilities.

Discussion will take place during the tour with talking points provided to help guide the tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Motioned by: Mickey Alderman

Seconded by: Beverly Wiggins

Respectfully submitted by Juanita Bell, Recording Secretary.