

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Alexander Simpson, Chairperson, at 7:07 pm.

Present: Alexander Simpson, Juanita Bell, Patrick North, Beverly Wiggins, Dwight Thomas, Mickey Alderman, Barbara Weiskopf, Jim Weiskopf.

Absent: Diane Spiller

Council Member: Regina Weiss

Recreation Staff: Laurie Stasiak

Approval of Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting for May 16, 2018. Motion to accept by Dwight Thomas

Seconded by: Barbara Weiskopf

Council Comments – Council Member, Regina Weiss

Shout out to Rec. Department for putting on Summer Blast.

Attendance seemed to be down from last year's event.

Recreation Updates – Laurie Stasiak

Summer Blast had 24 bb amateurs competing for \$1500 prize money.

\$8000 – Sponsorship money

Activities included Kid Zone, DIA Truck, Arts & Crafts, Nature Activities, Baseball Throw, Beer & Wine Tent, Music

Consideration has been given to eliminate Beer and Wine Tent for next year due to poor sales.

Summer Camp has enrolled 27 kids

Full staff who are great, energized, and a willingness to get involved.

Summer Camp Handbook was distributed.

Recreation Staff, Dan Parker will be leaving his position and taking on a new position with the City of Ferndale.

New Business:

Oak Park Summer Concert Series sponsored by United Health Care June 21 – August 2 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

Splash Bash sponsored by National Kidney Foundation June 21 – August 24

Plans are in the making for a Female Splash Bash on Sunday am – An instructor is needed

Great pool attendance with 350 – 400 participants on opening day

Laurie gave pool overview which included privacy, updates, hours of operation

Fourth of July Parade and Funfest needs volunteers

Grand Marshall Business: Joyful Tots Development and Learning Center

Grand Marshall Community: Jim and Barb Weiskopf

Farmer's Market is being sponsored by Humana and will operate from July 18 – September 26

Seniors' Programs:

55 seniors show up most days for various activities.

All activities are going very well and experience a sellout most of the time.

July 13 – Senior DIA Tour

Autumn Fest is scheduled for September 22. Additional information forthcoming.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan has not been approved. The city opted not to go after grants.

Commission Project: Discussion to continue

A community garden and a dog park were ideas shared.

Additional Comments:

Safety Crosswalk Signs – Signs erected to stop for pedestrians especially in school zones.

Berkley and Ferndale were noted as communities with Safety Crosswalk Signs

2-day State Recreation Workshop was mentioned

Pocket Park bids are out and continue to be developed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Motioned by: Dwight Thomas

Seconded by Beverly Wiggins

Respectfully submitted by Juanita Bell, Recording Secretary.