

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Alexander Simpson, Chairperson

Introduction/Present: Alexander Simpson, Juanita Bell, Patrick North, Beverly Wiggins, Dwight Thomas

Staff Member: Dan Parker

Absent: Mickey Alderman, Diane Spiller, Barb Weiskopf, Jim Weiskopf

Approval of Minutes for April 18, 2018. Motion to accept by Dwight Thomas

Seconded by: Beverly Wiggins

Recreation Updates – Dan Parker, Recreation Coordinator

Spring Fest was cancelled due to projected inclement weather. Services were rolled over to upcoming events. Decision to cancel was made the day before to keep from losing deposits.

Encouraged community to follow OP on social media for changes/cancellations/etc.

Summer Camps begin June 25th.

This is a busy time for the rec. department. The summer programs are moving in the right direction and staff is shaping up.

Senior Trips are filling up fast.

World Dance Day had a decent turnout with 10 groups performing, 6 vendors provided food, and the mayor was the mc.

TCC – Health and Wellness Fair attracted over 100 visitors, 30 local vendors, and promoted healthy living throughout the fair.

Oak Park Summer Fest has been renamed to Oak Park Summer Blast. A volunteer sign-up sheet is being developed.

Fourth of July Grand Marshal Community Member Nominee, Doug Craig, does not have an Oak Park address, thus making him ineligible to fill this role. Instead, Jim and Barb Weiskopf are the recommended grand marshal community members. Jim and Barb are longtime members of Oak Park and are dedicated active commissioners. A volunteer sign-up sheet is also being developed.

Art Work provided by DIA needs protective coverings.

Harding Pocket Park is being developed with additional updates in the making.

Tour of the Pool was led by Dan Parker who pointed out vast improvements throughout the facility. The pool is scheduled to open June 9th. The tour took place at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm with singing “Happy Birthday” to Juanita Bell.

Motioned by: Dwight Thomas

Seconded by: Beverly Wiggins

Respectfully submitted by Juanita Bell, Recording Secretary.