

CITY OF OAK PARK, MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Alexander Simpson, Chairperson.

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

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

Staff Member: Maralee Rosemond

Councilmember: Regina Weiss

Approval of Minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting for February 21, 2018 were approved.

Motioned by: Dwight Thomas

Seconded by: Alexander Simpson

Council Comments: Regina Weiss

Attended Michigan Municipal Trade in Lansing and informed the group that she met a gentleman who attended the "Boo Bash" and gave high praises to the Parks and Rec. Dept.

Free Tri-County Health Fair – 4/22/2018 – 1-4 pm at OPCC – This event is sponsored by Beaumont Hospital. A few volunteers are needed.

World Dance Day – 4/29/2018 – 6:30 – 9:30 pm at OPCC – Have received several sponsors and would like more. Attendance is encouraged.

Inside Out Art from DIA – 12 pieces of art will be on display throughout the city. April 10th – Mid July

Recreation Updates: Maralee Rosemond

Report from Dan Parker: Youth bb wrapped up/Soccer is complete with more participants than in the past/Baseball soon to begin. Maralee stated that Dan is doing an outstanding job coordinating the teams.

Special Event: Dance for Special Needs

Great time was had by all. 2 hr. event that included 135 participants and refreshments.

Spring Fest – May 6th from 1-4 pm – This is an outdoor event and food will not be available.

This event is looking for sponsors.

Summer Fest – June 16th from 11 – 9 pm – 60 different barbecue entries – About 6 vendors

Asking for approval from council to sell liquor. Need more sponsors

Music is provided by "Persuasion" – Volunteers are needed.

4th of July Festivities: Music/Concert/Food Vendors/Mayor's 5K Run/Parade Participants

Sponsorship Packets are available - \$500/\$250/\$100

Grand Marshals for consideration: Business: Joyful Tots Development and Learning Center, Dr. T.

Jefferson – Community Member: Doug Craig, Founder of Fathers Being Involved (FBI)

Need additional recommendations by the April meeting.

R & R Jazz Fest – July 21st from 1-9 pm at SCC partnered with OP/Southfield/Lathrup Village

Summer Concert Lineup: 7 concerts are scheduled. Kimmie Horne will close out the concerts.

United Health Care and Dr. Fordsom are the summer concert sponsors.

Summer Camp: June 18th – August 10th (8 wks.)

5 key previous workers are returning. Salary ranges from \$9.50 - \$14.00 depending on position.

Senior Programs: Lunch Bunch is always a sellout/Theatre Productions are doing very well. Most are sellouts. Beginning in May a Bridge Club Drop-In will be scheduled for Tuesdays.

Master Plan Update: Awaiting letter of approval from the state.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Bell
Recording Secretary