

CITY OF OAK PARK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2018

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

Present: Alexander Simpson, Mickey Alderman, Juanita Bell, Beverly Wiggins, Patrick North

Members Absent: Dwight Thomas, Diane Spiller, Jim & Barb Weiskopf

Council Member Present: Regina Weiss

Recreation Staff Present: Laurie Stasiak

Approval of minutes of Parks and Recreation Commission Park Bus Tour Meeting for September 12, 2018. Motion to accept by Beverly Wiggins. Seconded by Mickey Alderman
Minutes Approved

Council Comments:

Park Bus Tour Meeting was a great idea. Thanks to the leadership for providing the visitation. Revisit ordinance as it relates to animals as pets. Short discussion on the idea of residents having chickens as pets in the city.

Recreation Updates: Park Tour

Funds are not available this fiscal year for some of the park improvements discussed on the tour.

Suggestions for securing private donations/sponsorship/grants/partnership

No information available regarding the Master Plan from the DNR. Several communities are in front of us for review. Not to be concerned we will be reviewed later this fall. The city did not apply for a DNR Grant this year.

Ideas/suggestions shared: involvement from the community on future recreation ideas/suggestions/projects.

Oak Park Junior Knights Basketball League is now open for registration. Stop by the recreation office to pick up flyers/registration packets or register online. Please contact David Pitts, Recreation Coordinator at 248-691-7562, or [www. Oakparkmi.gov](http://www.Oakparkmi.gov) for additional information.

Fall Friday Kickball is played in Shepherd Park with 7 teams in place.

Youth Quad City Soccer Leagues are finishing up.

Pool 2018:

Over 9,060 total participants for all summer programs. Female Only Swims attendance up 57%/Male Only Swims attendance up 96%, overall participant increase of 18% from 2017. Splash Bash had record attendance each session.

Drawbacks:

Young staff/Increase training/Hire more lifeguards/Need more female lifeguards

Will provide Red Cross Certification

Congrats to Laurie for a job well done.

Kudos to Commissioner Patrick North for purchasing family seasonal pool passes and his willingness to provide a Tanker Trailer for display during future events upon request/approval/and availability.

Farmers' Market last day is Wednesday, September 26th.

Stir Fry cooking demonstration was today and next Wednesday will be a salad demonstration.

Beaumont provided Health Education with a possibility to expand next year.

Music and Food Vendors were available.

Humana donated close to \$15,000 and is talking of being a sponsor next year.

An end-of-season breakfast is being planned for vendors on October 17.

Autumn Fest Open House is Saturday, September 22, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm on the grounds between the library and city hall. This event is free and open to the public. Limited volunteers are needed.

Boo Bash October 2018 will need volunteers and is expected 6500+ attendants.

New Business – Commission

Discussion Topic: Oak Park has Talent with thoughts to roll out the finalist during Summer Blast. The "How To" discussion to continue at upcoming meetings.

2019 Meeting Dates:

It was moved by Beverly Wiggins and seconded by Mickey Alderman that the Parks and Recreation Commission 2019 Meeting Schedule be accepted. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 17, 2018 in Room 4.

It was motioned to adjourn the meeting by Patrick North and seconded by Juanita Bell at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Juanita Bell, Recording Secretary.