

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Wednesday May 13, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairperson Orlando.

Present:

Commission Members: Dianne Beagle
Scott Black
Robert McConnell
Michael Orlando
Erica Wilson

Kristen Delaney - City of South Lyon

Visitors: Christia Pantazides – Student
Anthony Pantazides

Absent: Lori Mosier

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Wilson, supported by McConnell, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda - Motion by McConnell, supported by Black, to approve the agenda for the May 13, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – Christia Pantazides stated she was a student visiting from Franklin Christian School as a requirement for her government class.

Anthony Pantazides (Christia's father) asked what could be done to encourage people to pick up after their dogs while in the parks or on the bike trails. It was suggested that the City pursue the installation of pet waste bag dispensers. The Commission will discuss this item after completing the annual walk-through of the parks.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. McHattie Park Restrooms** – Restrooms were opened on May 1st. Port-a-john still needs to be removed.
- 2. Bike Rack Placement** – Delaney stated that three racks were installed across Whipple Street from the Hotel and two were installed near the new Crossroads Grille. The City felt it was better to group a few racks together to accommodate several people riding together. More racks will be ordered as funding allows. Beagle will compose an article for the Herald

about the mountain bike trail in Volunteer Park and the new racks. This will be an effort by the Commission to encourage use of our local parks, biking around town and family fitness.

3. **Eagle Scout Projects** – The Boy Scout who had inquired about possible projects expressed his interest in repairing and landscaping the gazebo near Wendy's. He will create a proposal and present it to the Commission at an upcoming meeting this summer.
4. **Labor Day Bridge Walk** – Delaney stated that South Lyon has been registered as an official Michigan Bridge Walk site. Commissioners discussed the need for expanded advertising and promotion of the Walk. It was suggested that flyers be made available around town and articles be submitted to the Herald and other surrounding community publications. Orlando stated that a new t-shirt vendor is needed. Delaney will coordinate with t-shirt purchases for other City events.
5. **Spring Walk-Through** – Due to the length of the business meeting, it was decided to walk through only McHattie Park tonight. Commissioners will walk through Volunteer Park and Columbia Park at the June meeting. Attached is a list of items needing attention in McHattie Park. Delaney will present the list to D. Murphy and S. Renwick.
6. **Spray Park** – Discussion from the April meeting was summarized for Orlando and McConnell who were not present at that meeting. Item will be discussed further after all park walk-throughs have been completed.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Volunteer Park Clean-Up Day** – Delaney suggested that a clean-up day at Volunteer Park might be a good idea. Commissioners agreed. Beagle will contact a local Boy Scout leader who has coordinated such events in the past to offer it as a scout community service project prior to promoting it as a city-wide activity. She will email his response to Delaney.
2. **Park Sign Locations** – Orlando stated that the decals have been applied to all metal park sign backs and they are ready for installation. The locations for the signs will be discussed during and following the park walk-throughs.
3. **Outdoor Movie Equipment** – The Commission had attempted to borrow or rent the equipment owned by Lyon Township in order to offer movies in McHattie Park. However, Lyon Township stated that its equipment had been purchased with funds generated via the methane gas recovery at the Lyon Township Park and therefore had to remain in that park. Delaney stated that South Lyon Recreation had been negotiating with representatives from Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Wixom and Milford Township about a joint purchase of a complete outdoor movie system. The South Lyon City Council has approved such an arrangement and

is waiting to hear from the other communities.

III. Commission Comments – None.

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Wilson, supported by Black to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings: June 10 (Spring Walk-through continued)
 July 8
 August 12
 September 9

Submitted by: _____

Michael Olando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary