

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES June 9, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Olando.

Present: Dianne Beagle
Ed McCloud
Mike Olando
Erica Wilson
Keith McCormick
Jeff Thompson

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon
Lori Mosier – City of South Lyon

Mike Donnellon – Oakland County Parks & Recreation
Larry Gee – Oakland County Parks & Recreation

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by McCloud, supported by Thompson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – Lori Mosier urged the Commission to obtain a copy of the signed minutes from the past City Council meeting where funds were dedicated to the exclusive use for parks and recreation. She counseled that it was very important that the Commission thoroughly research grants and funding sources and present all proposals to Council for approval. The funds are to be used, in conjunction with matching grants/funds, for the development of park land within the City and not for park maintenance items. Commissioners thanked Mosier for all her work researching and making the proposal to Council for the dedication of these funds.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Oakland County Parks & Recreation Presentation** – Mr. Donnellon and Mr. Gee presented a DVD that highlighted the various Oakland County Parks and what they and the department had to offer. Based on the results of a county-wide survey, they are increasing the amount of trails, maintaining and/or rehabbing existing facilities, maintaining currently-offered services and looking to purchase/preserve additional open space. They have also attempted to reduce park fees where possible. The Oakland County Parks millage will be up for renewal this year and the hope is that people will come out to the polls and support it. The cost is approximately \$25.00 for a \$200,000 home.

Oakland County Parks & Recreation also offers assistance to the local Parks & Recreation Commissions with regard to meeting the Americans With Disabilities Act, park and facility planning, grant writing, identifying regional needs and duplication of efforts, event planning, and facility rentals.

They also are always in need of volunteers to help with cleaning up the parks, removing invasive species, planting and help at special events.

For information on the various parks, events, trails and the department itself, visit www.DestinationOakland.com.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. South Lyon Park Use Policy – The policy, updated with revisions suggested at the last meeting, will be presented to City Council for their approval at the June 14, 2010 meeting.

2. Community Movie Projector – Movies have been scheduled and all will begin around dusk, after 8:30 pm. The movies are:

- a. Wednesday June 30 The Wizard of Oz
- b. Wednesday July 28 E.T.
- c. Thursday August 19 Pee Wee's Big Adventure

The South Lyon Recreation Authority will be making popcorn and movie-goers may bring in any non-alcoholic drinks in any type of containers except glass.

3. Commission By-Laws – The amended by-laws were presented for discussion. Motion by Thompson, supported by McCloud, to approved the by-laws as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Beagle will email a final copy to Delaney and will bring a final, formal copy to the next Commission meeting for signatures.

5. Eagle Scout Projects – Beagle presented an updated Eagle Scout Project List and explained that two more scouts have applied for projects. Any ideas for potential projects are welcomed. Beagle will update the list as needed.

6. Farming in Volunteer Park – McCloud stated that the farming is progressing well. Thompson asked if Mr. Hamblin would be willing to provide the pumpkins for the pumpkin pyramid that the Pumpkinfest Committee is planning. Since several other Commissioners also had questions, it was suggested that Mr. Hamblin be invited to the next meeting. McCloud will contact him.

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2. Junior League Baseball – League representatives could not attend this meeting but had contacted Wilson with their information and questions.

- a. They still would like the Commission's assistance with the construction of fields at Volunteer and McHattie parks.
- b. They are obtaining quantities and pricing for backstops and fencing.
- c. The League would like direction from the Commission as to where to focus their attention first.

Commissioners agreed that the first option would be to construct a small field

opposite the existing field in McHattie Park. Wilson will convey this to League representatives and request that they bring all pertinent data to the July Commission meeting.

3. Parks & Recreation Funding – Commissioners agreed that researching and applying for grants should begin immediately to take advantage of the funds made available by Council and start work on the McHattie Park plan. Clarification is needed on what constitutes “matching funds”. Does this only mean matching grants or does it include matching funds from any source?

A subcommittee, the Grant Acquisition Subcommittee, was formed with Thompson and McLoud as initial members. They will present their findings at the next Commission meeting.

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by McLoud, supported by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events: July 14
 August 11
 September 6 – Labor Day Bridge Walk
 September 8
 October 13

Submitted by: _____
Michael Olando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary