

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES April 13, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairperson Olando.

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

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

Absent: Ed McLoud

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

Approval of Minutes – Motion by McCormick, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2011 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Eagle Scout Projects** – There were no updates to report.
- 2. Muddy Shoe Run** – Tabled until the Run organizers complete a park reservation request and provide details on the route.
- 3. Park Walk-Throughs** – Olando confirmed that the McHattie Park walk-through will be on April 27, 2011 at 5:30 pm, rain or shine. Commissioners will meet in the parking lot. The Volunteer Park walk-through will be performed immediately preceding the May 11th meeting, rain or shine. Commissioners will meet at the park at 6:00 pm, then return to City Hall for the scheduled meeting at 7:00 pm.
- 4. Grant Opportunities for Park Improvement Funding** – Commissioners will complete their reviews of potential grant opportunities and email the information to Thompson. He will consolidate the information for presentation at the May 11 meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Junior League Baseball – Bryan Spaller and Dean Whitcomb, representing the League, gave a brief update on the status of the new baseball/softball field proposed for McHattie Park. Mr. Spaller has assumed leadership of this project from Paul Dolan who had presented the idea to the Commission in 2010. Mr. Whitcomb stated that with over 1100 boys and girls playing, the need for fields, especially for the younger players, is great. Practices and games are already under way for this season, but the League would like the field ready for next spring if possible. Mr. Dolan had indicated last year that the league had funding, volunteer labor, donated equipment and materials in place for the construction of the field. Mr. Spaller stated that he would need to confirm that all of this is still available. Agreement was reached that if the goal is to complete the field by late fall of this year, the following timeline should be followed:

- Mr. Spaller and Mr. Whitcomb will bring a complete plan for field construction to the May 11 Commission meeting. The plan will contain specific tasks required, all materials, labor and equipment needed, costs and existing funding.
- The Commission will review the plan and condense it into a presentation for City Council at one of its June meetings.
- Necessary fundraising, material ordering and construction would begin in July following completion of the baseball/softball season.
- Construction and seeding would be completed by late fall.

Commissioners also discussed the need for additional parking that will occur once the field is operational. Potential options are: gravel the 'triangle' of land donated by Michigan Seamless Tube west of the park entrance; pave the lot west of the water department building on Dorothy Street and construct a path to access the field from the south; purchase land immediately north of the existing parking lot for lot expansion.

2. Girl Scout Projects – Tabled until Beagle and the troop leader can meet to discuss their project requirements.

3. Park Signage – The Commission was asked to review signage in McHattie and Volunteer Parks, specifically with regard to information on dog leash/waste rules and park reservations. Dog waste left in both parks has become a serious problem and signs will need to be updated with specific ordinance information regarding pets in the parks. Commissions will address this issue during the park walk-throughs and propose language and an updated design for new park informational signs. In the meantime, temporary signs regarding dog leash and clean-up requirements will be placed near the soccer fields at Volunteer Park and the volleyball courts at McHattie Park.

4. City-Wide Clean-Up Day – The City has scheduled Saturday May 21st to be a city-wide clean-up day. Volunteers from the city and area churches and organizations are invited to help with a variety of scheduled projects. Each project area will have a coordinator who will oversee the work. The Commission has been asked to provide coordinators for McHattie and Volunteer Parks. McCormick volunteered to coordinate Volunteer Park and Beagle will coordinate McHattie Park. Other Commissioners will assist at either one of these sites if possible.

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Wilson, supported by McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events: April 27 McHattie Park Walk-Through (5:30 pm)
 May 11 Volunteer Park Walk-Through (6:00 pm)
 Meeting (7:00 pm)
 June 8
 July 13
 August 10

Submitted by: _____
 Michael Olando, Chairperson

 Dianne Beagle, Secretary