

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES August 10, 2011

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

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

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

Bryan Spaller – South Lyon Junior League
Dean Whitcomb – South Lyon Junior League

Danny Burchart – Eagle Scout Candidate
Chris Burchart – Eagle Advisor

Approval of Agenda – Items B. Tube Mill Donations and F. Eagle Scout Project Updates were switched per Beagle's suggestion. Motion by Wilson, supported by McLoud, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Thompson, supported by Wilson, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2011 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Junior League Baseball Field Update – Bryan Spaller and Dean Whitcomb from the Junior League provided an update on League funds available for the new field. They stated that the League currently has no extra money but they have begun brainstorming ideas for fundraisers to begin as early as this fall. Consequently, proposed construction of the new field has been pushed to summer of 2012. The Commission will also solicit donations to be put toward the new field. A donation box will be available on the registration table at the Labor Day Bridge Walk.

The plans for the new field and existing field upgrade will be presented to City Council at its August 22, 2011 meeting. The Commission will present and representatives from the Junior League will be in attendance to assist in answering questions.

2. Eagle Scout Project Update – Danny Burchart presented his updated railing design for the wooden bridge, revised per Commission request. He also provided

an updated cost estimate. Commissioners approved of the new design and agreed that it complemented the existing railing in the historical village. The Commission requested that Danny notify the City several days prior to the actual construction so the DPW department could barricade the walkway on both sides of the bridge. Motion by Thompson, supported by Wilson to approve the updated railing design and authorize continuation of the project. Motion carried unanimously

3. Tube Mill Donation – A check in the amount of \$1000.00 was received from Michigan Seamless Tube to be used in the construction of the new ball diamond at McHattie Park. City Council officially accepted the donation at its last meeting. A thank you letter from the Commission will be sent by Beagle.

4. Letter Requesting Additional Police Presence in McHattie Park – Beagle stated she did not receive the revised letter. Since Wilson emailed it from a new address, it may have been intercepted by her spam filter. Wilson will resend and Beagle will print letter on City letterhead and mail to Chief Collins.

5. Signage at McHattie and Volunteer Parks – Beagle and City Clerk Julie Zemke discussed proposed verbiage to be included on signs which would be used in all city parks. It was suggested that separate signs regarding the prohibition of skateboards, rollerblades, and bikes be placed around the Historical Village buildings. The finalization of the sign wording is on hold until several issues between the City and Historical Society are resolved. Thompson will design a new Parks & Recreation logo for the common signs.

6. Park Walk-Through Items – The DPW department has completed most of the items on the lists. The remaining items will be done as time and manpower allow.

7. Labor Day Bridge Walk – The items marked with + have been completed:

McCormick – + Discuss water donation with Busch's

Beagle – + Inventory t-shirts

+ Ask Bob Martin of the South Lyon Water Department about water bottle donations (he will donate 100 bottles)

Send information to the various newspapers and online calendars

Request that the 'Herald' publish a front page article on the Walk

Delaney – + Retrieve the banners from storage at City Hall. (She will request that DPW personnel affix the banner to the fence along Pontiac Trail.)

+ Request that DPW personnel empty trash receptacles and pick up trash along the route prior to Labor Day

+ Obtain t-shirt quotes

+ Add Walk information to the City's website. Create the online registration form and link to the State of Michigan Bridge Walk website

Olando – + Reserve the car wash sign to advertise the Walk on two separate days the week prior to the Walk (Olando donated money to cover this cost)

Wilson – Mark the route with spray paint

+ Order t-shirts

Thompson - Discuss donations of apples with Erwin's

A donation box will be available for any participants to contribute toward the new ball diamond. Suggestion forms will be available, as was done last year. The 5 mile walk consists of two 2.5 mile loops in a figure-8 type of design. Last year, a participant suggested that we alternate the starting loop for the walk so that people who only want to walk 2.5 miles don't get stuck walking the same loop year after year. The Commission welcomes any suggestions to help make the walks better and more fun for all participants.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. None

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Thompson, supported by Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events: September 5 – Labor Day Bridge Walk
September 14
October 12
November 9

Submitted by: _____
Michael Olando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary