SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES
April 11, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Vice Chairperson Wilson.

Present: Dianne Beagle
             Keith McCormick
             Ed McLoud
             Jeff Thompson

             Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon
             Troy DeHoff – City of South Lyon DPW

Absent: Mike Olando

Approval of Agenda – Beagle requested that item D. Park Signage be added to the agenda. Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – The March 14, 2012 Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2012 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINES

1. Junior League Baseball Field Update – League representatives had indicated that bids for work on the new field were expected this week and they might have information to present at tonight's meeting. That was not the case. Beagle stated that the process continues to move forward, albeit more slowly than anticipated.

2. Eagle Scout Project Update – The white bridge railing replacement project of Danny Burchart was delayed due to school commitments and weather last fall. He plans to install the new railings this spring. The DPW had asked if it was possible to widen the deck of the bridge to allow snow removal equipment to cross. Larry Ledbetter was planning to investigate this and see if it could be done while the railing replacement was occurring. Beagle will follow up.

3. Grants – Thompson stated that there was no new information on this item.

4. Park Signage – Beagle presented pictures of the new signs to be placed in Volunteer Park. Two large signs will be installed at the park entrance, one facing each incoming direction. Smaller signs stating no dogs, no golfing, will be affixed to the fences around the soccer and baseball fields. Directional signage will be placed around town to help people locate the parks and entrances. Also presented was a

photo of the new park rules signs. Commissioners approved of all of the new signage and agreed with the placements. They expressed their thanks to Julie Zemke who spearheaded this project.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Use of Volunteer Park Fields – Julie Zemke had received a request to utilize the baseball fields at Volunteer Park for a volleyball tournament and asked for the Commission's response. This tournament was held on the park's soccer fields last year and the Commission did not find out about it until after the fact. Some turf damage resulted from the tournament, which Commissioners discovered later. Commissioners agreed that since the City provides volleyball courts in both McHattie and Volunteer Parks, along with other open grassy areas, there is no need to use the soccer or baseball fields for volleyball.

III. Commission Comments – Delaney stated that the City Council has approved a City Master Plan update, to be performed by the City's planning firm. Three sub-areas will be included in this update, one of which is McHattie Park. The planners would like to see the Commission's plans for the park, specifically the presentation made to Council regarding the phases of park improvements. Delaney will provide more specific information at a later meeting.

Mr. DeHoff stated that the video camera security system installed in McHattie Park has already helped identify two persons who vandalized park structures. Commissioners expressed their gratitude for the installation of this system and the hope that the vandalism decreases as a result.

IV. Adjournment – Motion by McCormick, supported by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm and move to McHattie Park to begin the annual walk-through. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events: May 9
                                 June 13
                                 July 11

Submitted by: _____
                     Michael Olando, Chairperson

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                     Dianne Beagle, Secretary