

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES January 11, 2012

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

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

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

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

Absent: Ed McCloud

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

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

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Junior League Baseball Field Update – Bryan Spaller and Dean Whitcomb presented an update on the League's fundraising plans for the McHattie Park ball fields project. A bowling fundraiser will be held on Friday January 20, 2012 at Pinz from 7-9 pm. Approximately \$3500 is expected to be raised.

At the League's board meeting later tonight, they are expected to add a one-time charge to their registration fees in an effort to raise additional money for the ball fields. Discussion throughout the League indicated that parents would support this as opposed to various small fundraisers held throughout the year.

The League would like to have the fields available for play in June. The Commission's baseball field subcommittee will meet with Mr. Spaller and Mr. Whitcomb at the beginning of February to begin planning.

2. Eagle Scout Project Update – Drew Radners from Troop 38 has taken on the project of improving the walkway from the parking lot into McHattie Park. He will create a preliminary outline and plan, working with Landscape Architect Don Beagle, and present it to the Commission later this spring.

Beagle stated that most of the projects on the Commission's list have either been completed or are under way. Commissioners will investigate potential projects throughout the city and parks and bring any ideas to the next meeting.

3. Signage at McHattie and Volunteer Parks – No new information available.

4. Sand for Volleyball Courts – No new information available.

5. Snowflake Stroll – Planning and advertising have been completed. It was decided not to offer hot chocolate at the walk's finish due to the weather forecast and logistics. Thompson will bring two cases of bottled water instead. Commissioners will meet at the gazebo at 9:30 am with the walk scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.

6. Grants – Orlando requested that Delaney provide an updated list of potential grant opportunities as was done last year. Delaney stated that the City's new planning consultant may be able to assist in identifying and applying for grants for the parks.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Park Walk-Throughs – It was suggested that this item be added to the agenda for the February Commission meeting. Commissioners would like to better plan for these as well as have time to invite representatives from the DPW, Junior League and other organizations that might have input.

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events:

- February 8
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9

Submitted by: _____
Michael Orlando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary