

Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board
Thursday April 4, 2019 at 7:00p.m.
Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center
3500 Marais Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Sarah Kindinger, Tim Ciechorski, Maya Harris, Crystal Chow, Nicole McEachern, Ilene Orlanski, Jeff Platcha

Also, Present: John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation, Greg Rassel, Director of Public Services and Recreation

Members Absent: Paul Kanan, Commissioner Macey

I. **Approval of Minutes:** pg. 1 change unanimous, motion by Nicole, 2nd by Sarah passed unanimously.

II. **City Commission Comments:**

III. **Public Comment:**

Janice Wagman representative: Had heard Wi-Fi at senior center has presented a complication with the seniors to use computers in the center. Provided copy of statement.

Stephanie Comptos: Previous meeting, Commissioner Macey asked Paige if there is anything the senior center is needed. Sat down with Erin Koch, cook, and has a wish list of ingredients. City of Troy has same program but do not have a wish list there. Erin has asked for more money in the budget to provide more fresh fruit and vegetables instead of canned. Noticed at a function a couple of the tables were broken and talked to staff about getting more money in the budget for repair/new tables. Talks about a bike repair station in Hazel Park suggest having a bike repair station in the parks. Suggests for Elks Park, asks if there is an Elks Lodge that is still interested in the park, Greg responds there is, but they haven't been involved with the park in a while. Suggest having Robertson Brothers sponsor the basketball court and rebuild it.

Janet Rodgers: Question? Has there been any notion for the CDBG Grant?

- Greg responds that the program will be announce in the next month.

End Public Comment

IV. **Business:**

a. AARP/Senior Task Force Update – Jeff Plachta

- Jeff Plachta states that the kickoff was today on Thursday April 4, 2019 from 2 -4 pm. Talk about how seniors contribute to the society. Talk about the 8 pillars and shared ideas. Start the 6 forums first forum scheduled for April 23rd at 2 pm. Next meeting for Task Force is April 11th at Senior Center at 6 pm.
- Jeff Plachta talks about the parking challenge issue, went to the DDA and shared with them the challenges. States goal is for us to find easier ways for seniors to get around easier downtown. Thought there was some positive responses at meeting
 - Ilene Orlanski asks question if the forums are all in the afternoon.
 - Jeff Plachta hands out a schedule of the forums, only need to attend one forum since all of them are the same
 - i. Sarah Kindinger volunteers to facilitate at one of the forums.
 - ii. Tim Ciechorski suggest as a board we should all volunteer for one forum
 - Ilene Orlanski asks if there is a copy of the presentation from the AARP kickoff meeting on Thursday April 4, 2019.
 - Jeff Plachta states they will hand out the presentation and notes to everyone at a later date.

b. Normandy Oaks Bid Winner

- Greg Rassel states that Anglin Silver has been awarded the bid. Construction should start the middle of this month (April). They will be distributing newsletters to the neighbors for updates and information. We will get the board members a copy of the newsletter so they can sign up for the updates.

c. Downtown Park Task Force Update

- Greg Rassel states that the Downtown Park Task Force is going to meet on April 15th and will be interviewing the five bidders and will hopefully be determining who will be awarded the bid. It will be a 20-minute presentation with a 10-minute Q&A. Another meeting will be scheduled after April 15th to decide.
 - Sarah Kindinger- are the bidders supposed to be graded before the presentations?

- o Greg Rassel recommends grading based on their proposal and adjust the score based on the presentation on April 15th.

V. **Items not on the Agenda:**

- Sarah Kindinger – Question for Stephanie Comptos, has Erin, the chef, put a proposal for how much funding is needed for the fruits and vegetables and the maintenance of items?
 - Stephanie answers, not yet she is working on it and will meet with her next week.
- Greg Rassel states the food program here is self-sustaining, it is not subsidized.
 - Sarah Kindinger asks if we have looked at any grants for this?
- John Fedele mentions the approval from the City Commission to move forward with an agreement for the Irish Hills Leprechauns.

VI. **Upcoming Events**

Marshmallow Drop April 19th

Arbor Day April 25th

Park Clean up April 27, 28

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion moved by Nicole, 2nd by Jeff unanimously approved at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fedele

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

Paul Kanan

Paul Kanan, Secretary