

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES July 14, 2010

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

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

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

Ken Hamblin – 5-H Farms

Absent: None

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. South Lyon Park Use Policy – The updated policy was presented to City Council at the June 14, 2010 meeting. Additional revisions were made to allow leashed pets in the parks. This item is being moved to the August Commission meeting so that the Commission can have an approved, final copy for review.

2. Eagle Scout Projects – Beagle stated that the Eagle project to rebuild and landscape the approaches on both sides of the white bridge has been completed. The sunken areas were worse than first determined and had become a severe safety hazard. The scouts did an excellent job of rebuilding these areas. Beagle presented an updated Eagle Scout Project List (see attached) and explained that two more scouts have applied for projects. Any ideas for potential projects are welcomed. Beagle will update the list as needed.

3. Junior League Baseball – League representatives could not attend this meeting but Paul Dolan had contacted Wilson with their information. Their estimate for a basic field (backstop and top fencing, fencing along first and third baselines, dugout benches, field construction) is approximately \$10,000-12,000.

Commissioners asked Wilson to request a detailed breakdown of what the Junior League will offer toward the construction of this field and their desired completion date. A subcommittee was formed, consisting of Wilson, Beagle and Don Beagle, to work with The Junior League on this project.

4. Parks & Recreation Funding – The Grant Research Subcommittee had nothing to report at this time. Thompson will be contacting Melissa Prowse at Oakland County Parks for assistance.

5. Brooksie Way Mini-Grant – Beagle presented the draft of the wording to be submitted on the application for this grant. Commissioners will review and email revisions to her by Friday July 16th. Beagle will incorporate all changes and submit the application prior to the August 1, 2010 deadline.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Farming in Volunteer Park – Ken Hamblin presented a brief report on the status of his farming activities in the Park. He has cleared approximately 13 acres and planted soybeans as it was too late to plant pumpkins. His plan is to begin clearing additional acreage immediately after the fall harvest is done. He had planned to donate pumpkins for the Commission to sell as a fundraiser and he still intends to do that. The pumpkins will be delivered from his other fields in the area. Commissioners agreed to sell them in a booth at the Farmer's Market. Mr. Hamblin stated that someone had removed the poles with the directional signs that had been placed along the trail. He will install new poles with signs so they are in place for the Muddy Shoe Run scheduled for later this summer. Commissioners thanked Mr. Hamblin for his presence in the Park as he has prevented several people from dumping and/or violating Park rules.

2. Labor Day Bridge Walk - Delaney stated that the Walk has been registered with the MichiganFitness.org website as an official Labor Day walk and the local registration site will be up and running soon. Delaney will update the City's Facebook page and website with Walk information and send out informational emails to previous Walk participants who gave us their addresses. Orlando will create and print flyers. Beagle will contact the various newspapers and websites regarding advertising. Wilson will work with a local t-shirt printing company on creating a new design commemorating the 5th annual walk and obtain pricing. Wilson will also re-mark the trail and hang the banner on the fence in McHattie Park. Orlando will have an additional banner made (perhaps containing the new logo) to be hung at a booth at several Farmers Markets where Commissioners will distribute flyers and register walkers. Plans for refreshments and the day of the Walk will be discussed further at the August meeting.

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events:

- August 11
- September 6 – Labor Day Bridge Walk
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 4 – Jingle Bell Walk
- December 8

Submitted by: _____
Michael Olando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary

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