

MINUTES
THE SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Present:

Commission Members: Erica Wilson
Alicia Harrick
Dianne Beagle
Robert McConnell

Chair Person: Mike Olando

Also Present: David Murphy – South Lyon City Manager
Steve Renwick – South Lyon DPW Superintendent
Kristen Delaney – South Lyon Dir. of Community and
Economic Development
Don Beagle – Resident
Boy Scout from Troop 228 & his mother

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Olando.

MOTION: By Beagle, supported by Harrick.

To approve the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: By Harrick, supported by McConnell.

To approve the agenda for the January 14, 2009 agenda.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 1: Citizen Comments

A Boy Scout from local Troop 228 introduced himself and his mother. He stated that he was attending the meeting to earn a citizenship badge, and he was also interested in learning about projects that he and his troop members could do in the park system. The Commission thanked him for attending the meeting and stated that they would put together a list of potential projects.

ITEM 2: Possible Revenue Source for Parks and Recreation

City Manager Murphy and DPW Superintendent Renwick informed the Commission that the City had been approached by a company who was interested in using a portion of Volunteer Park for a commercial composting site. Renwick showed the Commission a proposal for a yard waste compost facility at the park. He also had an aerial photo marked to show where in the park the proposed activity would take place, and stated that the multi-purpose trail currently in place may need to be altered slightly to accommodate the facility, if the proposal is accepted by the City. Murphy stated that he wanted the Commission to be made aware of the issue before it went before the City Council. Murphy stated that at least 75% of the proceeds from the compost operation would be designated for parks and recreation funding. Harrick and Wilson expressed concerns about the issue of smell and traffic that may result from composting in the park. Concerns were also stated regarding the proximity to residents of Lyon Township; the mention of accepting bio-waste in the future; the volume of compost; and the fact that there was no lease income and all income was from the sale of compost.

ITEM 3: Master Plan – Public Hearing

Delaney presented a draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

7:40 – Open Public Hearing

7:41 – Close Public Hearing

No citizen comments.

MOTION: By McConnell, supported by Beagle.

To approve the Master Plan.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4: Open Seats on Parks and Recreation Commission

A) Alicia Harrick Resignation

Board members expressed regret that Harrick had decided to step down and wished her well in her next endeavor. Beagle offered to serve as the Commission's new Secretary.

MOTION: By McConnell, supported by Olando.

To approve Beagle as Secretary for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

B) Vacant Seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission

With the resignation of Harrick, the Commission noted that they had a couple of seats that would need to be filled. McConnell noted that he too would likely resign in the near future due to relocation.

Lori Mosier, Book Keeper for the City of South Lyon and a resident, attended the meeting and stated that she would like to be considered for the Commission. The Commission welcomed her and suggested that she fill out an application and approach Mayor Doyle, as he is responsible for appointments.

ITEM 5: Bike Racks

Delaney informed the Commission that the bike racks would be delivered in early February.

ITEM 6: Volunteer Park

A) Winter Hours/Gate

The Commission asked Renwick whether it would be possible to enforce winter hours in Volunteer Park by closing and locking the gate to prevent people from entering after hours. Renwick responded that this was difficult logistically and that it would be preferable to have DPW and the Police patrol the park more frequently to prevent vandalism.

B) Plowing of Mountain Bike Trail

The Commission asked Renwick if the Mountain Bike Trail could be plowed. He said that when time permitted, it would not be a problem.

ITEM 7: Park Signs/Decals

Due to the length of the meeting, the Commission decided to table this item until the next meeting in February.

MOTION: By McConnell, supported by Olando.

To adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:



Mike Olando, Chairperson *for Mike Olando*



Kristen Delaney, Recording Secretary