

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES November 9, 2011

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

Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2011 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout Project Update – The picnic tables were built this past Saturday by Eagle Scout candidate Brooks Emke. However, when Beagle went to inspect them yesterday, she found the tabletops on both had been covered in graffiti. The tables will need to be sanded, painted a dark color to discourage further defacing and sealed. This may have to be done in the spring as the temperature may be too cold for painting and sealing. Beagle will contact the scout to discuss.

2. Junior League Baseball Field Update – None.

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

4. Sand for Volleyball Courts – Delaney informed the Commission that Steve Renwick, DPW Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of the month. The sand issue is on hold until his replacement is in place. In the meantime, Delaney will research old invoices to find out the type of sand purchased in the past.

5. Jingle Bell Walk Alternative – Commissioners resumed discussion of an alternative to the December Jingle Bell Walk. All agreed that January would be the best month for a winter walk. Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to

approve the Snowflake Stroll as the new event with the date and time to be Saturday January 14, 2012 at 10:00 am. The start will be at the gazebo in McHattie Park, behind Wendy's, and proceed east along Reynold Sweet Parkway to the bike path by Peter's Hardware. North along the bike path to where it branches at the high school fields. West along that path to Pontiac Trail. South along Pontiac Trail to the finish at the Witch's Hat Depot. Hot chocolate will be available to all participants at the Depot. This will be a FREE event.

In preparation for the first annual Snowflake Stroll, Commissioners will perform the following duties:

- Beagle: Contact the Herald for publicity. Add to other online event calendars
Check bins for hot chocolate packages and jingle bells
Create map of route
- Delaney: Request that DPW put information on City sign in McHattie Park
Add information to the City's website
Email information to all previous Labor Day Walk participants
- Thompson: Add information to the Parks & Recreation Facebook page
- Wilson: Create informational flyer
- Olando: Print flyers
Print large sign to advertise the start of the Stroll

Final planning will take place at the Commission's January 2012 meeting. Based on the recommendation of L. Brooks Patterson, the Commission will submit another request for a Brooksie Way Minigrant to help fund the 2013 Snowflake Stroll.

6. Grants – Olando requested that Commissioners revisit the list of potential grant opportunities in search of funds for park improvements. He encouraged everyone to investigate additional sources. More discussion on this item will take place at the January and February Commission meetings.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cancellation of December Commission Meeting – The City of South Lyon's Holiday Gathering (to which all Commissioners are invited) is scheduled for the same date and time as the December Commission meeting. Motion by Wilson, supported by McLoud, to cancel the December 14, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Commission Comments – Delaney described the successful Downtown Trick or Treat event that took place on October 27th and stated that the number of participants has been growing significantly each year. She asked the Commission to think about ideas for activities for next year's event. Some could be used as

