

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Madison Heights, Michigan
July 21, 2022

A Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Department of Public Services, 801 Ajax Dr.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dzeroogian called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Dzeroogian, Harris, Busch, Bommarito, Borngesser, Thompson, Goatley, Gore, Almas, Ballantine

Absent: Theodoroff, Quackenbush, Palazzolo, Wright, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilwoman Aaron, Surratt

Members of the public were also present.

1. Excuse Absences (if applicable)

Motion by Busch, second by Harris to excuse those members who gave notice.

Unanimous approval.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

No additions or deletions to the agenda were proposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of 4/21/22

Motion by Busch, second by Thompson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21 as printed.

Unanimous approval.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Eagle Scout candidate Connor Chapman presented his proposal for a Veterans Memorial tree planting in one of the parks. Details of the project were provided. Mr. Chapman will collaborate with DPS on an appropriate location and necessary support, and information will be brought back to the Board.

REPORTS

3. Activities and Events Sub-Committee

No report.

4. Student Report:

Madison High School: Gore reported that she graduated, with a class of 60. Introduced her brother Colton who will be taking over for her moving forward.

Lamphere High School: Goatley reported that he is starting his junior year. Lamphere is currently getting ready for the school year, with band camp, Ram Days, test-outs, etc. Adam Wooley is the new athletic director. School is starting up August 29.

Bishop Foley High School: The representative was not present.

5. School Board Representative Report:

Madison District: Thompson reported that they are looking for a superintendent. Graduation went well. District is planning a Back to School Barbecue for the entire Madison neighborhood, with meet-and-greets with district staff. Focusing on changing the district in a changing world, and upping enrollment.

Lamphere District: Borngesser reported that the last two elementary schools received new flooring, all schools now have new flooring. Reconstructed the weight room at the high school, and created a new concession area. Things are great. Graduation ceremony moved to Oakland University.

6. Council Report

No Councilmembers were present.

7. Administration Report

Almas reported that the FAA navigation beacon site at Rosie's Park was being decommissioned. Provided update on the Rosie's playscape. A resident is concerned about the location of a proposed pavilion at Rosie's Park, and has reached out to Council; this is premature, as no recommendation has been made on a location, and no construction date is set; the project has not yet even been bid.

8. Oakland County Parks and Recreation Report

No representative was present.

9. Recreation Report

Gore reported as summer camp staff: Summer camp started last month, roughly 30-40 campers per day. Weekly trips are taking place, and kids are loving all of the different events. Good balance of time spent inside and outside, keeping the kids busy, and they are all having fun.

Almas reported that there was an excellent turnout for tee-ball and softball this year; all classes and programs are well attended and doing extremely well. Kudos to Brooke who is giving the rec program the boost that is needed.

Busch raised the concern that the summer camp takes place in the north end of town, and asked if Rec had considered providing busing from the south end.

10. Streets/Facilities/Parks Report

Ballantine reported on the status of the ballfield light pole issues, and plans moving forward. DPS and the City administration are continuing to focus on the investment in the Parks despite the economic uncertainties, supply chain issues, and other projects in progress. Rosie's Park is the focus this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to be brought before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Student Representatives - At Large

Ballantine presented a proposal from the Administration to make the three student representative positions "at large" due to the historic issues obtaining representation from all three districts.

Motion by Busch, second by Thompson that the Board supports this proposal, unanimous approval.

12. Eagle Scout Project

Presented under Meeting Open to the Public.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Busch, second by Borngesser to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Dzeroogian adjourned the meeting at 6:17 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022.

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