

DEARBORN RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

Jeff Stassen, Chair
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Greg Orner, Director of Dearborn Recreation and Parks

Commissioners:

Rami Abousaleh; Jamal Aljahmi; Carolyn Blackmore; Mark Bruce, Greg Gomolak; Warren Hartley; Kevin Kreger; Joseph Kubinski; Michael Macpherson; John Ruselowski; John Sczomak; Johanna Seidel; Tom Shamey; Lynn Sherman; Joe Siciliano; Eugene Smith

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

PRESENT: Stassen; Green; Abousaleh; Aljahmi; Blackmore; Bruce; Gomolak; Hartley; Kubinski; Macpherson; Ruselowski; Sczomak; Seidel; Sherman

ABSENT: Kreger; Siciliano; Shamey; Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Gregory Orner (Dearborn Recreation & Parks Director)
Beverly St. John (Dearborn resident)
Susan Rozmus (Dearborn resident)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Stassen at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of March minutes: Motion by Seidel; seconded by Green.

Director's Report

Director Orner distributed the approved new signage demos. The signage will be used in the parks and, if needed, can be fabricated at DPW rather than an outside vendor.

Director Orner has a meeting on May 6, 2015 to discuss pools and capital improvements with the Mayor. A number of alternatives regarding the pools have been discussed.

The Dearborn Soccer Club is advocating for an indoor soccer facility. They feel they are losing membership to cities where an indoor facility is available.

B&B Pools is proposing before Council to do the pools' start up. They are charging \$16,000 for the startup and \$8,000 for closing. B&B Pools handles a number of pools in the area.

Proposals for bids are going out for new golf carts which would be stored at DPW. The current carts are ten years old. If purchased new, there will \$100,000 on trade-in of the old carts.

Only one bid was received for park surveillance cameras. Specifications were revised and went out for re-bid.

There is a pre-construction meeting regarding the Rouge River Gateway Trail Project in two to three weeks.



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Pickleball fencing was purchased for Ford Field.

The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center pond is being filled in.

Preliminary discussions are under way with Divine Child High School for using the DISC as their home ice. Divine Child would be willing to pay for ice rental. One condition would be that they require an independent locker room for which they would pay for the construction.

Approximately 2,800 children registered for the Martian Marathon to occur on April 18, 2015; 3,000 are anticipated. There is an estimate of 1,600 participants per race with a total of around 8,000 runners. West Dearborn Development Authority donated \$3,000, and \$1,900 has been spent.

The Five-Year Master Plan continues in earnest. There have been three (3) public meetings and six (6) stakeholder meetings. The citizen survey is online, and there is work being done to get the survey in Arabic.

New Business

- Commissioners Stassen and Green participated in discussions with Detroit Medical Center (DMC) regarding the presentation of a sport science workshop. DMC seems excited and is developing a proposal.
- Commissioner Ruselowski stated a concern about the direction the pools discussion was heading and recommended that a decision be made on the funding which would accompany any conclusion. Commissioner Stassen stated that the Commission did fine work on making a specific recommendation for the pools and had hoped the studies would break the impasse. Part of the issue is the expiring millage which, if not renewed, would mean a reduction of funding of \$12 million per year.
- Commission Ruselowski informed the Commission that the American Legion Baseball Team is having a fundraiser golf outing at Dearborn Hills Golf Course on May 17, 2015.
- Residents Beverly St. John and Susan Rozmus presented concerns regarding the Ford Community & Performing Arts pool:
 1. Not all of the showers are working.
 2. Adults without children are seen in the family locker room area.
 3. Lifeguard placement raises concerns about lifeguards being able to see all areas of the pool.
 4. People are wearing street clothes while swimming in the pool.
 5. Debris is noted on the deck under the diving board.

It was noted by Ms. St. John and Ms. Rozmus that some positive changes have already been seen. They were very happy with the water aerobics class and the fact that the ventilation

noise had been reduced. Mr. Orner stated that he will have aquatic staff respond to issues. There is a budget for assessment of ventilation issues.

- The ArtSpace project is having a “Ground Thaw” gala fundraiser on April 21, 2015.
- Commissioner Abousaleh reported that all student nominees for “Student Athlete of the Year” have been interviewed and that two (2) candidates have been selected for the Hall of Fame.
- Commissioner Seidel encouraged Commissioners to seek ads for the Hall of Fame Awards program.
- The video and program review for the Hall of Fame will be on May 8, 2015 at 4 p.m.
- Commissioner Blackmore reported on the activities of the Fine Arts Committee. The Summer Arts Academy is expanding, and there will be a number of activities in the cultural arts area. Representatives from the Motor City Brass Band attended the last meeting and will hopefully continue to be a presence.
- The Dearborn Community Fund is having a fundraiser on May 13, 2015 on stage at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$75 each.

Being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Stassen and seconded by Green. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**The next meeting of the
Dearborn Recreation & Parks Commission
will be Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7 p.m.**