

# DEARBORN RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION

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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; EmmaJean Woodyard

## MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2015

**PRESENT:** J. Aljahmi; M. Bruce; M. Green; K. Kreger; J. Sczomak; J. Seidel; J. Siciliano; E. Smith;  
J. Stassen; E. Woodyard

**EXCUSED:** R. Abousaleh; C. Blackmore; G. Gomolak; W. Hartley; J. Kubinski; M. Macpherson; J.  
Ruselowski; L. Sherman

**ALSO PRESENT:** Greg Orner, Director of Dearborn Recreation & Parks Department

Chair Stassen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Stassen noted the absence of a quorum. No approvals or motions could be considered.

Chair Stassen welcomed new Commissioner EmmaJean Woodyard. Introductions to Commissioners in attendance were made.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Oak Park Neighborhood Association has requested use of Oak Park for a Fun Run with a bounce house inflatable which will take place on Saturday, June 13.

The Summer Slam (three-person basketball) will take place at Lapeer Park on Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14. The tennis courts will be converted to basketball courts.

Neighborhood pools open on Saturday, June 13. Leaks have been found in some of the pools. The biggest issue is the Dunworth diving pool. It will be closed for several days to repair a leak. Drain boxes and frames were assessed by the engineer with a \$635,000 RFP for the installation of the liner and refurbished gutter. Work to be done after Labor Day.

The Rouge River Gateway Trail is having problems with the contractor regarding excavating the slope. Contractor filed a stop-work order. There is a meeting with Dan's Excavating and the project City Engineer on Thursday, June 11.

Cross Renovation, the contractor for the resort cabins, is on site at Camp Dearborn. There is a 120-day completion contract, but it is unclear what defines the start date.



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The City's insurance carrier has some concerns regarding the zip line project at Camp Dearborn. Data is presently being provided to the insurance company that will hopefully mollify concerns.

An RFP is being developed for an indoor soccer facility. Options include a stand-alone facility, an add-on to The Center, or use of the DISC.

The \$218,000 Wayne County Millage Allocation is still occurring regarding pools. It will be going to City Council regarding the development of a pool or a spray park at Whitmore Bolles.

Looking for a tweak of the bid response on the park video and surveillance cameras from the lowest bidder.

There was recent vandalism at the Korean Memorial, west of The Center.

Looking to partner with the Police Department in youth activities.

City Golf Championship – 24 players participated.

The Steve Tulloch celebrity softball game went as scheduled on Friday, June 6. Attendance was approximately 500.

The remembrance for Dale Van Dorp was held on Sunday, June 7. Attendance was approximately 500. Lots of positive feedback was received.

The Mayor and the Milford Township Supervisor Don Green had a meeting about possibly re-zoning 40 acres of land at Camp Dearborn. Re-zoning would require a public vote.

The draft goals were submitted for the Recreation & Parks Five-Year Master Plan. The survey will be closing on June 30.

The new golf carts were received at the end of May.

Bids for the Hubbard Ballroom renovation are due on Friday, June 12.

There were high bacteria readings at TB2 beach at Camp Dearborn.

There is discussion with the Sustainability Director about installing solar panels on the roof of the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center to enhance energy efficiency. There would be a 15- to 20-year payback.

The registration for "Summer Camp at The Center" is going very well.

**New Business**

Chair Stassen and Vice-Chair Green met with Mayor O'Reilly and Mark Guido. They reviewed the initiatives and goals of the Recreation & Parks Commission and Department. They felt there was good receptivity to the brief presentation.

Commissioner Sczomak and Commissioner Woodyard presented an overview of activities of the Fine Arts subcommittee. The last meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9. Dan Merritt, owner of Green Brain Comics and Chair of the East Dearborn Development Authority, met with the group to discuss potential partnerships in putting on events in City Hall Park. The Summer Arts Academy is again showing strong registration for most classes and activities. The subcommittee is showing a good cross section of attendance at meetings.

Commissioner Woodyard reported that the Dearborn Community Fund wrote a grant application to the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs to replace the aging speakers in the theater.

All involved with the Hall of Fame Awards felt it went very well. Chair Stassen congratulated the involved Commissioners for the success of the event and thanked them for their efforts. The feedback received was the need for increased coordination with high schools and that the event overlapped with the Divine Child prom. In addition, it seems that additional Commissioners are needed to provide introductions.

Being no further business, Chair Stassen closed the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

**The next meeting of the  
Dearborn Recreation & Parks Commission  
will be TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015 at 7 pm  
in WET ROOMS 1-2.**