

## PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2009

Schrier Park

**Board Present:** Mark Anthony Martin, Elizabeth Jarzambek, Andrea Stork, Bery Pannkuk, Janet Luchies, Scott Grinder, Christine Price, Sam Garceau, Susan Williams, and John Pfund

**Staff Present:** Bill Deming

**Excused:** Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. at Schrier Park.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** The March minutes were unanimously approved with the revisions that Liz Jarzambek and Chris Price were excused.

**Introduction of Guests:** Trever Kent, Branden Lindsey, Lindsey Ehrlich, Matthew Abro and Jake Matteson – all WMU students in Recreation Management

### NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Schrier Park Overview** – Mark Martin gave a brief overview of the history behind Schrier Park. The property was purchased with funds bequeathed to the city in a trust from Mrs. Schrier. Development began in the mid-70's and several upgrades have been completed over the years. Schrier is the site of the annual Applefest, Haunted Forest and Winterfest.
- B. **Sub-committee reports**
  1. Photo Contest Update – Andrea reported that not much is happening this month. Need to obtain the prizes.
  2. Spray Park Update: Scott Grinder reported that the committee has kicked off the web site. Payments can go thru PAYPAL for donations. Website is <Portagespray.com>. Scott presented a copy of the brochure that was made for the spray park.
  3. Kayak Event – Tentative meeting is set up for this April 15th Wednesday, need to arrange a place. Bery requested anyone interested in assisting in this event to contact him. Date set is July 25th.
  4. Bicycle Rally – Scott will chair this event – it is set on the 30th of May. Basically the same route. Scott mentioned they were considering calling it a 'Spring Bike Fling' as suggested by Janet. Janet is working on a competition between the elementary schools. 'Bring your camera'. They are working on the donations and recruiting additional volunteers.
- C. **Earth Day Event** – Mark passed out a flyer on the event which will be on April 25th. Chris Price volunteered to represent the Park Board at this event.
- D. **Goals/Objectives:** The board reviewed and voted unanimously to approve the Goals and Objectives stated update due to City Council.
- E. **Park Board Assignments** – Board members gave reports on their park assignments.

### SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

1. Crews are back since Monday to get out and do leaves and restoration.
2. Preparing parks for community visitors.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS** – Library is going a joint venture at Celery Flats; suggestion to put up more signs for dog owners to please pick up after their dogs; trails are looking nice; and good to be back.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Jarzambek, Secretary