

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2009

Ramona Park

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

Staff Present: Bill Deming and John Milowe

Guest: Ken Glerum

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Ramona Park, adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and continued at Lakeview Park at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The June minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Ramona/Lakeview Park Overview** – presented by Mark Anthony and Bill Deming. Ramona resident Ken Glerum complimented the city on management of the park. Sam Garceau gave an overview of the Lakeview Park.
- B **Sub-committee reports**
 - 1. Photo Contest: Andrea asks for us to find more donations for prizes.
 - 2. Spray Park Update: Scott Grinder reports that an article in the July *Portager* will hopefully spark donations.
 - 3. Kayak Event – Bery Pannkuk reported that there will be a Portage Paddle Fest article in the July *Portager*. Thanks to Andrea for her advertising skills. Volunteer positions are being filled for the event. Sheriff will have a boat on the water during the event and a permit from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been submitted. A Volunteer meeting will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 9am and a committee meeting July 10 at Stuart Manor. Everything is coming together very nicely. There will be a \$10.00 fee to race and vehicle entry during the event will be reduced to \$3.00.
- C. Council approved the Goals & Objectives – The 2009-10 goals were distributed to Board members.
- D. Collaboration Event per Council. Council: City Council would like a collaborative event involving the Park Board, Youth Board and Environmental Board.
- E. Park Board Assignments – Board members gave reports on their park assignments.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

- 1. Busy month getting things up and running. Things are going well. Children's programs have been very successful. Taste of Portage had over 1,000 people attend and well received by participants.
- 2. Kayak races as mentioned at Paddle Fest.

Mailed comments from adjacent park property owners: Trail surface is great for pushing wheelchairs. Wish there could be a "no snowmobiles" sign. Bill Deming stated that there are several "no motorized vehicles" signs which would cover snowmobiles.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – Happy 4th of July...what a great bunch of people we have....burr it is cold!! ... thanks for all the hard work Scott and Bery...July 25th will be a beautiful day!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Jarzambek, Secretary