

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2010

Board Present: Mark Anthony Martin, Bery Pannkuk, Janet Luchies, Elizabeth Jarzambek, Jason Koscinski, Mike Zajac, and John Pfund.

Excused: Vicki Locke, Scott Grinder and Susan Williams

Staff Present: Bill Deming

Guests: WMU Students – Samantha Braman, Chris Grzeskowiak and Myron Harrison

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. at Stuart Manor.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The January minutes were approved with two revisions emailed from Scott Grinder.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. New Board Member:** Jason Koscinski was introduced to the Board. Jason moved to Portage about 16 months ago from Wisconsin and is the Finance Director for Valley Family Church. He has four children and his family actively uses the city parks and trails.
- 2. Sub-Committee Assignment/Reports:**
 - A. Green-a-Thon: Both Board member involved with this project were absent. Park Board should plan on assisting with the event scheduled for April 24 at Celery Flats.
 - B. Community Wellness Day: Mike Zajac reported that he and Vicki Locke are developing this program and investigating either June 12 or June 19 as the event day. Bill Deming has provided each with a letter to use when soliciting community support and donations. Bill will provide Mike with a list of other Kalamazoo area event scheduled for the two dates in mind, in order for the committee to pick the best date.
- 3. Park Assignments for Board Members:** Board members present choose parks of interest for the upcoming spring/summer outdoor meetings. For their respective parks, Board members are to make periodic visits and give a presentation on their park during the meeting scheduled at that location. Absent Board members will make selections during next meeting.
- 4. Board Norms:** Mark Martin reviewed the norms and duties with members in order to ensure each understands what is expected of them.
- 5. Paddlefest Date:** The Board chose July 17th as the date for the event this summer. The date will not conflict with other kayak events in the area. Bery Pannkuk will again provide leadership for the event and other Board members were encouraged to assist. Bery believes that Lee's Sports will be involved again and is excited about the possibilities for expanding participation this week.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

Bill Deming reported on upcoming events for February. The Ice Rink will be open Wednesday-Sundays. Due to the favorable weather, the rink continues to be very busy. On February 14, the second annual Valentine Skate Date will be held and on February 25, the K-Wings Mascot Madness Night will be held. Cross-country ski classes are scheduled for February 20 and Valentines Teas' will be held at Stuart Manor February 10 and 13.

Bill also recognized the WMU students who are attending the Parks Board meeting as a recreation management course assignment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Anthony Martin, Chair