

PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2009
Lexington Park

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

Staff Present: Bill Deming and John Milowe

Excused: Christine Price and Susan Williams

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Lexington Park.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The May minutes were corrected and unanimously approved. The correction was the Spraypark website which is: www.portagespraypark.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Lexington Overview:** Presented by Bill Deming.
- B. **Sub-committee reports:**
 - 1. Photo Contest: Andrea reported they are still hoping for entries.
 - 2. Spraypark Update: Scott Grinder reported that a mailing went out. There will be a table at various summer entertainment events. Brochure and cards were handed out.
 - 3. Kayak Event – Bery Pannkuk – Things are going well. The event will be held July 25 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bery asked for a consensus on the logo design. The Board selected proposal #1. A 1 p.m. committee meeting will be at Stuart Manor on June 12.
- C. **Spring Bike Fling:** Scott reported that all participants had a good time but a very low turnout and most of the people were not from Portage. Many other community events were competing for people's time. The Spring Bike Fling ride started at South Westnedge Park and used the Shaver Road and Bicentennial Park bikeway systems. Scott recommended that we not hold the event next year. A motion was made and approved to donate left over bike helmets to the Kalamazoo Bicycle Club.
- D. **Park Board Assignments:** Board members gave reports on their park assignments.
- E. **SES Program:** A sign up sheet was passed around for Taste of Portage volunteer workers on June 27th. The Kids Kickoff is June 12, a teen event will be held June 13 and the Celery City Talent Show will be held at Portage Northern High School June 24-26.
- F. **Minutes:** It has been decided that the minutes will continue to be emailed, but also mailed to Board members by request.

SUMMARY ACTIVITY:

- 1. Restroom and shelter upgrades are completed.
- 2. Softball leagues are underway. Only one rain out so far for the 170 teams (2200 players).

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – Scott wanted to note credit to the groups that assisted and took time to help with the Spring Bike Fling: Portage Police Department - provided helmet fitting and information; Safe Kids - provided safety information; Kalamazoo Bicycle Club - provided bicycle checks; Gordon Water - provided a water station; Edible Arrangements - provided a fruit arrangement enjoyed by participants and gift card for a prize; Lauren Koontz who did face painting; Kalamazoo Kings – provided bracelets for kids and donated a few tickets for prizes; Bronson Athletic Club donated week passes for prizes; and Mancino's donated a gift card for a prize. Also, a thank you to Chris and Andrea for helping.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Jarzambek, Secretary

