

Park Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2013

Board Present: Jan Whitcomb, Kathleen Hoyle, Jim Novaria, Karista Gallick, Jim Bennink, Tucker Webb, Doug Barrett, Sue Williams

Board Members Excused: Sarah Perry

Staff Present Ray Waurio

Guests Present: Vickie Locke

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sue Williams

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES: Jan made motion to approve the minutes; Kathleen seconded the motion, all other unanimous

New Business

A. Friends Group Report

- Tucker continues to manage the Facebook page, which now has 104 people
- Sue mentioned possibility of getting outside group to man the Friends of the Parks Website

B. Recycled Art

- Need operating grant for webpage specific to the contest; need separate from city website; can use the website to get people signed up for the event and make public aware of the event as well (a domain company could be paid to create website, put on web, and maintain)
- Website would also have online voting and display pictures for people who cannot come to the event
- The previous Sunday's *Gazette* contained small press release about the event; a few people have already contacted Kathleen about the event and are interested
- PSAs have been sent to schools
- Funding requests have been sent to 45 companies and two foundations (Kalamazoo and Irving Gilmore); both foundations seemed interested and asked to see proposal; we will know more in the next couple months which companies will be able to contribute; once we know contribution amounts we will be able to announce prize money for contest, thereby attracting more interest in the event (foundation money cannot be used for prizes; must rely on other companies for prize money)
- Schupan will provide all recycling at the event and will also commission a sculpture
- Sue has approached Endless Summer (local band) about providing music for the event; while they are retired, they have considered getting back together
- Kathleen was able to locate local relics club; they may bring their relics ("Rat Rods") and display them for the event
- Vickie will be handling the professional judges (professional judging will be done on the first day of the event, and public voting will take place the rest of the week)
- A volunteer coordinator for the event is still needed

- Kathleen's daughters will do billboard and bottle cap pins (which have event logo on them)
- Sill need banners and programs for the event – Portage Printing will be contacted
- Coca Cola and Welch's have been contacted regarding providing refreshments
- Still need photographer, prizes, maybe tables and chairs, and giveaway bags
- A map of Celery Flats was distributed so that the board could start planning where artists, artwork, etc. are going to go and how the event is going to be set up around the March of Dimes walk (which will be ending around the same time as the Recycled Art event is starting)

C. Winter Blast Half Marathon

- Sue and Jan are both doing the booth at the Community Center on Saturday, February 16; will talk to Bill about setup
- The event will start and finish at Portage Central High School; start time is 8:00 a.m., February 17

Summary Activity

- Couple of events at skating rink – Valentine Skate Date on February 14 and Twilight Skate on the 21st
- Snowshoe hike at Schrier Park on February 10th

Comments from Board Members

- Tucker has Slender Man activity printed out; will discuss at next meeting

Adjournment: Jim N. made the motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m., Jan seconded, all others unanimous

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 6, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at Stuart Manor

Respectfully Submitted, Karista Gallick, Secretary, Park Board