

## **Park Board Meeting Minutes**

March 6, 2013

**Board Present:** Jan Whitcomb, Kathleen Hoyle, Jim Novaria, Karista Gallick, Jim Bennink, Tucker Webb, Doug Barrett, Sarah Perry

**Excused:** Sue Williams, Jim Novaria

**Staff Present:** Bill Deming

**Guests Present:** Ashley Sell, WMU Recreation Student

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Karista Gallick

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

### **New Business**

#### **A. Recycled Art**

- two foundations will be contributing
- Otten Trophy is possibly interested in doing trophies; if we can design something (out of recycled materials) they will mount it and make a trophy out of it
- Welch's will be donating fruit juice
- We have billboard design (city logo needs enlarging), will be on 6 billboards and electronic billboard by Meijer
- Kalamazoo County Arts commission wants to collaborate
- Eckert Wordell offered to donate time
- So far, eight artists have signed up
- If the event is juried, more artists will probably be interested
- Vendors will be doing booths; will also have demos and an art walk
- Still need to negotiate with printers and rent tables and chairs
- "Recycled Cars" may be displayed in Celery Flats
- Discussed "traveling trophy" (for winners each year) vs. individual trophies; discussed possibility of having an art class create the permanent trophy

#### **B. Meeting Schedule**

- Starting next month, meetings will take place in Portage parks
- Board members will be assigned to parks in order to become knowledgeable about parks and lead discussion on their respective parks at meetings

#### **C. Millennium Skate Pass**

- Issues concerning expiration dates on the skate passes were brought to the attention of the board; the board will further review and debate concerns at the next meeting and vote on actions to be taken

#### **D. Goals and Objectives**

- Goals and objectives need to be at the clerk's office by mid-April; the Board already has goals and objectives but they need to be reviewed, adjusted, and new ones may need to be added
- Goal two may need to be modified, as we may not be able to do Paddle Fest (instead, we could do a kayak demonstration)

- Goal four will be contingent upon this year's success
- Goal five – have possible new idea for Park Board sponsored community event – yoga in the park, can be done over the summer months
- Will hold groundbreaking for Eliason property in July

E. Friends Group Report

- Want to include voting on website for art event
- The Board looked at Grand Rapid's friends of the parks brochure
- The friends group should be assisting, rather than taking complete control of events; the group should work closely with the Board and City Council; if the friends group gets 501(c) status then it will be independent

**Summary Activity**

- Skating rink closed for season previous weekend; this year's turnout was one of the best
- Softball meeting and registration coming up

**Comments**

- Jim B. asked again when interviews would take place for people interested in joining board
- Sarah P: talked about Green-a-thon, on April 27; the event will need musician and food vendors; will take place 11-3 and people will pay for food as well as an entry fee

**Adjournment:** Kathleen made motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., Tucker seconded, all others unanimous

**Next meeting:** April 3, 2013 – 6:30 p.m., Schrier Park

Respectfully Submitted, Karista Gallick, Secretary, Park Board