

CITY OF WOODHAVEN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2015

Recreation Commission Meeting of August 17, 2015 held at Woodhaven City Hall, 21869 West Road, Woodhaven, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Mike VonLinsowe, Acting Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT: Mr. Donald Holland, Ms. Sally Lancaster, Mr. Scott Maher, Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Mr. Mike VonLinsowe, Mr. Tim Rooney, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation

ABSENT: Ms. Shannon Fuller, Mr. Richard Conz (both excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Council Member Duderstadt

Moved by Mr. Holland, seconded by Ms. Lancaster, to excuse Ms. Fuller and Mr. Conz from tonight's meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Ms. Lancaster, seconded by Mr. Maher, to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of July 20, 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

MONTHLY REPORT:

A. Facility Report.

Park Projects

The following projects will be taking place on or before Thursday, September 3:

- Repairs and upgrades to Civic Center Park (South) Playscape (little tikes) - Funding approved by DDA in the amount of \$13,194.00
- Remove non-compliant structures identified during the Safety Audit – Possibly remove before installation of safety surfacing
- Install safety surfacing under and within fall zones of play equipment – Funding approved through Wayne County Millage. Bid process complete.
- Onsite review of required routine maintenance inspections in preparation for regular service throughout the year.

Safety Town Repairs

The DPS workers and part time recreation maintenance staff have been repairing shingles and rotted boards throughout Safety Town over the past month. Eventually some of the plywood will need to be replaced and covered with siding or other materials (marine plywood) that will withstand the rainy season and cold weather months.

Community Center Kitchen

Jim Sauter (new part-time employee) will be doing some deep cleaning in the kitchen over the next few weeks. He will work on all the nooks & crannies and have the equipment looking good.

Skate Park

DPS recently coordinated repairs at the skate park. Cracks were repaired and loose concrete was removed in and near the previously damaged areas. In conversation with several skaters, they indicated the repairs are a great improvement.

B. Program Update.

Downriver Senior Olympics

The city received high praise for the recently completed Downriver Senior Olympics. The event was supported by over 50 Woodhaven volunteers, all city departments, and employees, the City Council, Mayor Odette, and the Woodhaven Senior Club. Woodhaven Senior Olympians took home 47 medals which was the third highest amongst 18 communities. Great job to Shelley Clark and the Recreation Department staff.

Summer Swim Program

In late July, 30 Woodhaven (Marlins) swimmers competed in the Downriver Recreational Swim League Championships at the Kennedy Aquatic Center in Trenton. Nine teams from other communities in the area participated as well. After two very long days, we are happy to report that our team finished in 1st place in the "Gold" Division! Overall, we finished in fourth place out of nine teams (The top three are year-round USA Swimming Travel programs). We are SO proud of the kids who all did an outstanding job! Congratulations to Sean Kelly (Head Coach) and coaches Tarran Johnson-Lemieux, Blake Bannon, Rachel Leonard, and David Erickson.

Senior Program Update

Senior Social (August) is scheduled for 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, August 26. Commissioners are always welcome to attend and enjoy lunch with 100 plus seniors. The September Social will mark the 41st Anniversary of the Woodhaven Senior Club.

Many fall programs begin the week of September 14 with Labor Day coming late this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Master Plan- Community Workshop.

The public workshop held on July 27, 2015 is one (1) part of the public participation phase of the Parks and Recreation Plan update. The purpose of the workshop was to provide an opportunity for the public to express their ideas and insight into existing programs and facilities, as well as potential new programs and ways to improve City park facilities.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Moved by Mr. VonLinsowe, seconded by Ms. Lancaster, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Mike VonLinsowe, Acting Chairman

Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Secretary