

CITY OF WOODHAVEN
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF JUNE 20, 2016

Recreation Commission Meeting of June 20, 2016 held at Woodhaven City Hall, 21869 West Road, Woodhaven, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Richard Conz, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT: Mr. Richard Conz, Ms. Sally Lancaster, Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Mr. Scott Maher, Ms. Shannon Fuller, Mr. Terry Kekich, Mr. Donald Holland, Mr. Tim Rooney, Director of Parks and Recreation

ABSENT: Mr. Mike VonLinsowe (excused)

Moved by Mr. Holland, seconded by Ms. Fuller, to excuse Mr. Mike VonLinsowe, from tonight's meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Moved by Mr. Kekich, seconded by Mr. Holland, to approve the Recreation Commission Meeting minutes of May 16, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

MONTHLY REPORT:

A. Facility Report.

1. Park Projects.

A request and recommendation will be made to the City Council to purchase the parts and labor necessary to upgrade the playground at Upper Constitution Park based upon the evaluation of the site for compliance with CPSC Guidelines and ASTM Standards applicable to public use playgrounds. The repairs and updates were identified during the audit completed by the City in 2015. Repairs and upgrades will bring the equipment into compliance making the playground safer while also lowering the associated liability for the city.

The cost to replace this equipment outright is 4-5 times as much as the repairs will cost. By replacing the identified items we will provide an estimated 5-7 years of additional life to the existing structures.

The Upper Constitution project is documented and identified on page 46 of the recently approved 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. In addition to the structure at Upper Constitution, the plan is complete repairs and safety upgrades at Heritage 4 later this summer.

B. Program Update.

1. Finders Keeper's Vintage Market.

On Sunday, June 5, 2016, the City hosted the first Finders Keeper's Vintage Market. 118 vendors participated and estimated 10,000 people attended the event. The event was shortened due to inclement weather around 2:00 p.m.

Even with the challenge from the weather, the overall consensus from the vendors and general public was the event had been well organized.

- The vendors and their products were of high quality
- Parking, traffic control and shuttle transportation complemented the event
- City departments (Police, Fire and DPS) provided support services at a very high level

Representatives from Finders Keeper's Vintage Market will be requesting to host another market on Sunday, September 11, 2016. This event would follow the Michigan Humane Society's Mega March in Civic Center Park on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

2. Park Playground Program Update.

As of Friday, June 17, there are (383) children registered for the park playground program. The Directors and supervisors have been preparing for program start on Monday, June 20.

The program will feature a new two week mini session in August this year. There are (35) currently registered for the mini session.

3. Youth Baseball & Softball Update.

Season is progressing well. The staff is considering the possibility of offering instructional clinics and camps in the future for the younger age groups to better prepare them for the regular season. Many of the children enter the program with little or no experience with the sport. Many of the adult volunteers are coaching for the first time and have indicated training opportunities would also help them better deal with various situations as a youth coach.

4. Senior Programs and Service.

Shelley Clark has coordinated a full schedule of activities, services and programs for the senior citizens. The offerings featured in the Pathway provide a very limited view of the full schedule of activities that take place on a day to day schedule. Even though Woodhaven is not hosting the Senior Olympics this year, we are very active in the planning and coordination for this year's event.

The department will be hosting a Pizza Party before the Uncle Sam Jam Fireworks Show on July 8. This event is well attended by the seniors each year.

A portable shuffleboard court has been budgeted for the new budget year that begins July 1. The court can be assembled for use indoors and outdoors.

C. Transportation Program

1. New Van Purchase.

City Council approved the purchase of a new 2016 Ford Transit 350 Passenger Van for the community transportation program "Woodhaven on Wheels". The wheel chair lift and other accessibility components have been installed. The van was delivered to the department on June 19th. The van was funded primarily through Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Tom Wieck continues to provide outstanding and consistent service as the driver/dispatch for the transportation program.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Safety Town Repairs-Status.
Working on small grants to fund the repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mr. Richard Conz, Chairman

Ms. Linda Puchalsky, Secretary