

January 22, 2015

Park and Recreation Agenda

1. Call to order
  
2. Introduction of Mathew Dale, new P&R Commission Member
  
3. Approval of Agenda
  
4. Approval of December 11 , 2014 Minutes
  
5. Public Comment
  
6. Staff Reports
  - A. City Recreation Program Status – A. Smith
  
7. Old Business
  - A. Motion(s) of Support for Recreation Programming Administration
  
8. New Business
  
9. Commission Member Comments

**Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation**  
**Minutes -DRAFT**  
**December 11, 2014, 7:00 pm**

**Present:** Chair David Smith, Co-Chair Rachel Kuntzsch, Marvin Hummel, Ruthann Jaquette, Christine Richardson-Beagle, and Jodie Willobee

**Also Present:** Adam Smith, Rick Lantz, Larry LaHaie and Chad Brunton

**Absent:** Chuck Mills and Kim Mulvenna

**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Smith Called to Order the meeting at 7:00 pm

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made for Approval of Agenda by Ruthann, seconded by Marv with unanimous approval.*

**3. Approval of October 23, 2014 Minutes**

*Motion made for Approval of October 23, 2014 Minutes by Ruthann, seconded by Jodie with unanimous approval*

**4. Public Comment**

None

**5. Staff Reports**

**A. Introduction of City Administrator, Adam Smith**

Grand Ledge's new City Administrator Adam Smith gave us a personal brief history. Adam then discussed what he wishes to accomplish in his new position as our City Administrator. He feels that Parks and Recreation is a critical entity to the Grand Ledge community "It's all about the kids from 2 to 92". He tells us that he will learn, listen and understand all that he can of the Grand Ledge community and that he will have an open door policy.

**6. Old Business**

**A. Angel Wing Disease – Chad**

Chad met with City Hall staff. It has been approved to install a corn feeder near the water where the ducks congregate on Island Park. He checked into the pricing of it and it ranged from \$300-400. The City does not wish to maintain it. Recent conversations with the local farmers have volunteered to maintain it (as an option). Chad gave suggestions for the teens at the YES Center to help look after it. Chris suggested maybe a Boy Scout or Girl Scout troop could maintain it once a month.

City Administrator Adam Smith informed the Commission that "It will be done". He told Chad to proceed with its purchase and installation.

**B. Parks & Recreation Director Update – Larry**

Larry updated us on the subcommittee's meeting held last month.

- § To utilize the funding of the Parks & Recreation Director's position to be used for other recreational maintenance projects needed in our parks.
- § We may actually lose money if we will fund the salary for a new Parks & Rec Director.
- § City staff will contact local booster clubs regarding picking up baseball, flag football, and little league recreational football. The quarterback club would pick it up and operate it if we so decide this to occur.
- § Questions were raised on the \$17,209 Parks and Rec is now paying the City. Answers will be forthcoming.
- § Discussions were made on emphasizing that Grand Ledge Parks & Rec baseball is NOT competitive and all are welcome to sign up.
- § Colt baseball requests our answer by January, 2015 if we will go with them.
- § Chad informed us that City Hall continues to rent the basketball court. Dixie with City Hall handles the rental of the gym.
- § Delta Township would like to partner with us. They too would like for softball to be a school-based team

**7. New Business**

None

**8. Commission Members Comments**

None

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm by Chair David Smith

Respectfully submitted by:

Christine Richardson-Beagle, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 22, 2015, 7:00 PM, CITY HALL**