

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**AGENDA****THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016****7:00 P.M.****COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- III. COMMISSION MINUTES**
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- V. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. Island Park Major Maintenance Efforts**
 - b. Jaycee Boat Launch Project Award and Est. Construction Timeline**
 - c. Oak Park Property Acquisition Update**
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
- VII. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Review of Master Plan Goals/Objectives – Spicer in attendance**
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS**
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING, June 23, 2016
City Hall, Room B-106
7:00 PM**

I. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Roll Call – Chair David Smith, Vice-Chair Rachel Kuntzsch, Brody Boucher, Matthew Dale, Michael Doty, Ruthann Jaquette, Raechel Marks and Christine Richardson-Beagle

Absent – Chuck Mills

Others Present – Public Service Director Larry LaHaie, & City Council Member Rick Lantz

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. LaHaie requested Recreation Program Update to be added to the Agenda under staff reports. Moved by Commissioner Jaquette, seconded by Commissioner Boucher. Motion carried.

III. Approval of May 26, 2016 Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Boucher, seconded by Commissioner Jaquette. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Staff Reports (attached)

A. Revenue/Expense Report and Balance Sheet

Motion to receive reports made by Commissioner Jaquette, seconded by Commissioner Dale, Motion carried.

B. Jaycee Boat Launch DNR Approval and Bid Process Update

DNR approval is ongoing. The bid process has begun with the low bidder being CL Trucking.

C. River Street Construction Update

Construction should be wrapped up mid-July.

D. Recreation Program Update

Participation is up from April, 2016 in regards to summer participation. City vs. non-city figures was requested.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

A. Draft Goals & Objectives from Spicer (handout)

Discussion and revisions were made. Chris will type up the corrections and will email the revised copy to Chair Smith.

B. Joint Planning Committee Meeting Report

Discussion was held. September 21, 2016 next meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Commission Comments

None

X. Adjournment: 7:37 pm

Secretary, Christine Richardson-Beagle _____

Chair, David Smith _____

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GRAND LEDGE PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

DRAFT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

June 23, 2016

Goal 1 – Provide safe, clean, and well maintained parks.

Objective – Add and update facilities as needed.

Objective – Develop and use short and long-term maintenance plans for park facilities.

Objective – Obtain park property as needed to meet the recreation needs of the community.

Goal 2 – Provide park facilities that provide enjoyable outdoor experiences for all who visit.

Objective – Add facilities and update the parks based upon community need.

Objective – Update parks to provide outdoor recreation experiences for people of all abilities.

Objective – Protect significant natural resources in Grand Ledge, especially the Grand River and the unique sedimentary rock ledge formations on the riverbank.

Goal 3 – Provide green space in the city landscape.

Objective – Examine existing green space in Grand Ledge and look for significant gaps/shortages.

Objective – Consider the addition of green space to the park system and protect natural resources.

Goal 4 – Provide recreation programs for the greater Grand Ledge area residents.

Objective – Continue to collaborate with Grand Ledge Public Schools and surrounding public and private partners to provide programming to suit community needs.

Objective – Investigate the opportunity for new events, programs and leisure activities. Populations of particular interest are intergenerational groups and senior citizens.

Objective – Provide programs and activities that are accessible and affordable.

Objective - Enhance the recreation opportunities on the Grand River.

Goal 5 – Provide safe non-motorized travel in Grand Ledge.

Objective – Develop and expand a non-motorized trail system in Grand Ledge.

2016-2020 Parks & Recreation Master Plan
 Capital Improvement Program Summary
 City of Grand Ledge

Year	Facility/Program	Proposed Improvements
	Oak Park	Interpretive signage for sandstone ledges, Grand River, and railroad
	Riverfront Park	Enhance the view shed and river access
	Jaycee Park	Boat trailer parking and riverwalk trail connection construction
	All Parks	Signs along boundaries where park meets private property that encourage public to respect private property while allowing them to fully utilize the public space
	Jaycee Park	Splash pad, band shell, and farmer's market pavillion
	Oak Park	Parking and trail improvement for viewing the ledges, fishing, and river access
	Fitzgerald Park and Lincoln Brick Park	In cooperation with Eaton County, establish connection of park facilities with the construction of a bridge over the Grand River
	Riverwalk	In cooperation with Eaton County, develop a riverwalk from the nature center at Fitzgerald Park to connect downtown to the Riverwalk
	Oak Park	Pull out for kayak and canoe
	Wide Walk	Add accessible routes to connect to Fitzgerald Park entrance
	Island Park	Restoration of island, bank stabilization, and access steps to river
	Future Skate Parks	Develop futue skate park
	Fitzgerald Field	Enhance spectator area, including ADA accessibility
	All Parks	Improve accessibility, including public restroom facilities
2016-2020	All Parks	Addition of new and expansion of exitsing parks as land acquisition opportunities become available
	Jaycee Park	Farmer's Market pavillion
	All Parks	Improved, cohesive directional signage to locate parks from vehicle and foot/bike traffic
	Jaycee Park	Pull out for kayak and canoe