

Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board
Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00p.m.
Leo Mahany/Harold Menninger Senior Community Center
3500 Marais Ave
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 6:58 PM

Members Present: Michael Lawrence, Commissioner Melanie Macey, Sarah Kindinger, Joseph Vukich, Rebecca Cheezum, Vincent Brown, Hannah Holliday, Susan Well, Samantha Grant

Also, Present: John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation, Yolanda Botello Senior Center Coordinator, Aaron Filipski Director of Public Works and Recreation

Members Absent:

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Rebecca Cheezum, 2nd Commissioner Macey, unanimously approved with stated corrections.

Corrections to be made Meeting did not start at 8:50, Janice Wagman public comment correction, date correction from 2016 to 2018 of Senior Task Force

Introductions

Introductions from new members Hannah Holliday and Susan Wells and rest of present board members.

- II. **City Commission Comments:**

Aging in place task force report and parks and recreation master plan both reported to commission and both plans approved. One topic that came up in last board meeting was how the task force responsibilities will be involved going forward. Looking forward to Ms. Susan Barkmans recommendations on boards and their roles.

- III. **Public Comment:**

Janice Wagman - At least six years ago, advocating for stand a lone senior advisory board to come back. Pre-school takes up a lot of space and suggests replacing the pre-school with an indoor fitness room. Hoping CIP items will be presented here before going to the city. Since mileage has passed, curious if the \$400K matching fund for DNR grant going to come out of the mileage funds.

Lawrence Sobson – Michigan DNR, new to the DNR and a public tree guy. Here to introduce himself and present himself as a resource for the city.
-Commissioner Macey what general services do you offer?
-Lawrence - Educational events, grants, general advising

End Public Comment

IV. **Business:**

a. Elections

- Commissioner Macey nominates Sarah Kindinger for Chair, Joseph Vukich for Vice Chair and Samantha Grant for secretary unanimously approved.

b. Aging in Place Task Force Report

Motion by Commissioner Macey 2nd by Susan Wells to move item “e” to “b”

c. Senior Center Report

d. Staff Report

e. Beekeeper Update Regarding Hives (Added January 03,2023)

- Ann Marie Nadowski - hives around the water tower and community garden are doing well and thriving. Sadly Bs in the D hives at Normandy Oaks are not a live. Local RO bee keepers, knowledgeable and can take care of bees and hives. Bees fly in a three mile radius and if infested can infect other bees in area. Would like to take over Bees in the D's hives at Normandy Oaks Park.

▪ Commissioner Macey - can you tell us about your hives?

○ Ann Marie - Yes they are doing well and thriving

▪ Sarah Kindinger - have you submitted an proposal for hives at Normandy Oaks Park?

○ Ann Marie – have not submitted a proposal to the city yet.

V. **Items not on the Agenda:**

VI. **Upcoming Events**

Billiards League

Cardboard Sled Competition

Next Meeting: Thursday February 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion, 2nd passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved,

John Fedele

Samantha Grant

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Samantha Grant, Secretary