

Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board
Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00p.m.
Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger
Senior Community Center
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 7:03 PM

Members Present: Sarah Kindinger, Tim Ciechorski, Commissioner Melanie Macey, Mike Ripinski, Ilene Orlanski, Maya Lane Harris, Paul Kanan, Crystal Chow,

Also, Present: John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation, Aaron Filipski Director Public Works and Recreation, Greg Rassel Director Public Works and Recreation

Members Absent: Nicole McEachern, Stephanie Comptois,

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Paul, Second by Mike, unanimously approved.
- II. **City Commission Comments:**
Strategic planning coming up, set goals for the upcoming year. Any input please e-mail board.
- III. **Public Comment:**
Mike Thompson – Lawson Park – excited to see the upgrades at the park as well as franklin park. Great ideas thrown at last meeting. Small pavilion and update basketball court and fitness area to replace volleyball court. Franklin Park – convert to one tennis court and expand playground and help the drainage. Diverters: Trying to get more planting and screening.

Richard Dore – Second not having paved road by volleyball court on Lawson Park, need to do exercise equipment in place of volleyball court. Berms need work, an additional planting would be great, less maintenance. Re-do the basketball court.

Sue Galvert- All in favor of everything presented, refreshing baseball diamond, providing safe bleachers. Berms, agree with additional planting and low maintenance.

End Public Comment

IV. **Business:**

- a. Decisions on CDBG Park Improvements for Lawson Park and Franklin Park:
Franklin

Crystal: Franklin Park, seen it used as a tennis court understand flooding issue, heard playground equipment for younger group because it is enclosed and more multi age activities for Lawson Park.

Mike: One thing consistent with our discussions and public comment is relief of flooding to Franklin and Lawson Park, more so Franklin. All for putting money into playgrounds and user-friendly parks.

Sarah: One tennis court (re-do the whole thing) at Franklin and remaining playground equipment, public in favor of fencing around tennis court at Franklin and recommends updating the fencing.

Tim: Tennis court replaced at Franklin, and playground equipment

Ilene Orlanski: No comment

Commissioner Macey: Install only one tennis court, playground equipment for younger groups (2-5), refresh with dino in the sand or remove, more benches in park.

Paul: Support replacing tennis court with one and more benches and playground equipment.

Mike Ripinski makes a motion for one tennis court, new playground equipment and benches in the park, improve drainage, second by Sarah unanimously approved.

Lawson

Commissioner Macey: Not add parking, adding at least 5-12 playground, no 2-5 playground, small shelter, resurface basketball court, recondition baseball field (infield and outfield), new outdoor fitness equipment to replace volleyball court, put a path to loop around contingent on not interfering with baseball field, remove unhealthy trees, shrubs and ground cover, improve the roadways on north and south part of park, more benches (around basketball court)

Paul Kanan: only thing I add is drainage improvements

Ilene Orlanski: Drainage

Tim: Nothing new

Sarah: Nothing new

Mike: Emphasize the opposition of paving Parent and Dondero street.

Crystal: No need for extra parking, basketball does get used, favor of resurface, play kickball on baseball field, turn volleyball court into something else. Run for brews is to wrap around Lawson Park and favor of adding it to park. Barbeque/Shelter would be useful for area. Play space for older age groups.

Sarah motions for older group playground, shelter, resurface basketball court, recondition baseball field, volleyball into fitness equipment, improve drainage and add benches and remove existing play equipment, fix landscaping, paths contingent on baseball field, second by Commissioner Macey unanimously approved.

Joseph Murphy: Now that we have these recommendations we can start talking about budgeting and estimates.

Commissioner Macey: What are the updates for this year's CDBG?

Greg Rassel: Fulton, Wendtland, and Huntington Woods will get PIP in Spring, Sullivan Park is mostly done besides the PIP fall zone.

b. Normandy Oaks Park Update

- John states that due to the weather there has not been much movement, but staff has given Anglin a deadline to complete the pavilion, playground, splashpad, perimeter trails and parking lot complete prior to the first week of July.

c. Downtown Park Update

- Downtown Park is meeting on January 15. They will be voting on the movement of the veteran's memorial and what design they prefer, "Glade A or "Glade B"
- Sarah - specs did not include restrooms, initial discussion of library covering (outside of budget)

d. AARP Update

- Sarah – focus group on Saturday January 11th. Still looking for scribes, 70 people signed up so far. Need 7-10 facilitators and scribes. 9 am – 12 pm at the Senior Center. Next step, compiling results and getting in front of City Commission in February also need folks for work groups

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

Leprechauns Update

Ilene Orlanski – took a picture of Tim's Kitchen Dream list, moves to fund these dream list.

Greg Rassel – there is no budget set to buy food or products based on donations and the funding of the kitchen. Need to talk to Paige and we will have Paige reach out to Ilene.

Ilene Orlanski – since doing strategic planning maybe having a budget for this.

Mike: Royal Oak Optimist Club having fundraiser on Astro Lanes Madison Heights January 26th, "Bowlabration" at 11:30 – 2:30 pm. Acknowledge Mr. Rassel and all his work and leadership.
Tim: Thanks to Greg for all the service

VI. **Upcoming Events**
Downtown Park Task Force Meeting – January 15, 2020

Next Meeting: Thursday February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion moved by Ilene, Second by Mike, passed unanimously at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fedele

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

Paul Kanan

Paul Kanan, Secretary