

**City of Royal Oak  
Recreation Department**  
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Minutes  
Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board  
Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 7:00p.m.  
Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger Senior Community Center  
Game Room  
3500 Marais  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 7:00 PM

**Members Present:** Joseph Vukich, Samantha Grant, Commissioner Macey, Michael Lawrence, Rebecca Cheezum, Sarah Kindinger, Hannah Holiday

**Also, Present:** John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation, Yolanda Botello, Senior Center Coordinator

**Members Absent:** Susan Wells,

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** Add passed unanimously to item “V” and add a ‘Y’ to Commissioner Macey name Motion by Joseph Vukich , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Cheezum, unanimously approved
- II. **City Commission Comments:**  
Budget meetings ongoing. First time more interactive budget present. Last meeting took action on not using millage funds to cover deficit for over budgeted projects. On senior side, asked what else was requested and not approved, received a “no” answer. Not to late to add requested items.  
  
In review to committee and boards, an aging in place committee could be added soon.
- III. **Public Comment:**  
Janice Wagman – Yolanda asked for budget and everything asked for is met. Whole aging in place plan has no allocated funds. Why are we waiting for all boards to be presented and voted on. Would like to see more action on the aging in place and seniors.  
  
Ray Emerson – attempted to get involved in the recreation committee. Here to represent racquetball association of Michigan. Asking for future outdoor racquetball courts.

End Public Comment

Motion by Commissioner Macey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Lawrence to move item “c” to “b”, unanimously approved.

IV. **Business:**

- a. Senior Center Report
  - Yolanda discusses report on new senior software and programming numbers in center.
- b. Golf Course Lease and Request of Extension
  - Joe Spatafore, Manager of Royal Oak Golf Course, presents proposal to request the 2<sup>nd</sup> five year extension to contract that expires in 2024.
  - Motion by Samantha Grant to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-year extension, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Vukich, unanimously approved.
- c. Mileage Projects and Capital Improvement Plans Projects
  - John presents CIP projects and goes over the budget process and how CIP projects are funded/approved.
- d. Recreation Software Update
  - John discusses three different options for rec software
  - Motion by Commissioner Macey to approve RecDesk for Recreation Software Programming, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Grant, passed unanimously
- e. Staff Report
  - John discusses what’s going in the departments

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

VI. **Upcoming Events**

RO Slow Roll Bike Day – June 10<sup>th</sup> 8 am

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn: Motion by Samantha Grant , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hannah Holiday 9:48 pm, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Fedele*

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

*Samantha Grant*

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Secretary, Samantha Grant