

City of Royal Oak
Recreation Department
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Minutes
Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board
Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7:00p.m.
Leo Mahany/Harold Meininger Senior Community Center
Game Room
3500 Marais
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Meeting called to Order 7:01 PM

Members Present: Susan Wells, Joseph Vukich, Samantha Grant,
Commissioner Macey, Michael Lawrence, Hannah Holiday,
Rebecca Cheezum

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

Members Absent: Sarah Kindinger, Vincent Brown

I. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Susan Wells, 2nd by Samantha Grant,
unanimously approved

II. **City Commission Comments:** Budget season is coming up, with the first
budget sessions coming up. 1 week before budget meeting is when the
budget is presented to the commission. Parks passport coming out soon.

III. **Public Comment:**
Janice Wagman – went to city school liaison meeting, went to multiple meetings
to get more inter-generational activities going on. Need more help with snow
removal, yard help. Any word on spark grant? Safety mileage has always
included something for seniors, hopefully this continues.

Mark Sackett- Friday night lights, getting in high school rivalry baseball games
and hosting the high schools. Working with social events and connections, put on
local events for communities, submitting information to the city commission for a
festival for a special event at Memorial Park during memorial weekend. Running
into liability issues with fencing, grandstands and will need to be addressed soon.

End Public Comment

IV. **Business:**

- a. Oakland County Parks
 - Presentation Jim Dunleavy, Sandy Dorey with Oakland County Parks. Provide overview of grant programs
 - ARPA and Grant Opportunities available
 - Hiring diversity and inclusion employee
 - RAP Programs/Mobile Recreation Units
 - Seniors and veterans can get a free park pass.
- b. Senior Center Report
 - Yolanda statement
 - 3 trips going on in May, Cranbrook Museum, DIA, Mexico Murals in Detroit
 - Lunch and live entertainment – May 9th Neil Diamond tribute
 - Lunch and Learn 3 in May
 - Art show from own art classes
 - AARP scheduled driver safety as part of aging in place plan.
 - Pass class and hand certificate to insurance company for premium adjustments.
 - Partner with Leprechauns, June 27 game for seniors
 - Complaints about handicap parking spots. 8 total but added 3 additional spots to equal 11.
 - Waiting on money from Oakland County to work on our projects.
- c. Slow Roll Bike Day
 - John statement
 - Tim Pare statement.
- d. Aging in Place Update
- e. CDBG Current Funds Allocation
 - John's statement
 - Motion by Rebecca Cheezum for the committee to advise the commission that we had initially recommended the CDBG funds to be used for Worden Park and we'd like to reemphasize our recommendation of CDBG funds be used for Worden Park considering our recent parks master plan and the future eligibility of this park. 2nd by Samantha Grant unanimously approved.
- f. Mileage Fund Allocation Process
 - John Statement
 - Motion by Susan Wells to not use mileage funds to supplement the cost difference of Hudson Park, 2nd by Melanie Macey. Unanimously approved. www.romi.gov
 - Motion by Samantha Grant for a formal process recommending future millage allocations for future park projects, 2nd by Michael Lawrence, unanimously approved.
- g. Parking Lot at Lawson Park

- Motion by Commissioner Macey not to approve parking addition to Lawson Park, 2nd Samantha Grant, passed unanimously passed.

h. Staff Report
-John's Statement

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

Park cleanups this month

Motion by Rebecca Cheezum Re-up recommendation for increased on-street handicap parking downtown and the senior center, 2nd Michael Lawrence

VI. **Upcoming Events**

Next Meeting: Thursday May 4 , 2023

Adjourn: Motion by Susan Wells, 2nd by Commissioner Macey at 9:34 pm, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Fedele

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

Secretary, Samantha Grant