



Minutes

Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Advisory Board  
Thursday, June 1, 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, Sarah Kindinger, Hannah Holiday, Susan Wells, Rebecca Cheezum (late)

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

**Members Absent:**

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Michael Lawrence, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hannah Holiday, passed unanimously.
- II. **City Commission Comments:**  
Additional \$300,000 is granted towards parks and seniors on top of the millage allocations, largely for grant matching. In the resolution there is a recommendation for staff to consult appropriate boards.
- III. **Public Comment:**  
Janice Wagman – Added \$300,000 for parks and seniors to go towards grants. Would emphasize to focus on seniors as well as parks.

End Public Comment

Motion by Joseph Vukich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Lawrence to add items Aging in Place, Exchange Park Naming to agenda.

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- IV. **Business:**
  - a. Senior Center Report  
- New Front Door installation begun.

- Other remodel will start in August, looking to stay open and provide services during remodeling. (Remodeling restrooms to ADA, two new restrooms, new flooring and coffee bar)
- b. Aging in Place Update
  - Susan Barkman presents updates on Aging in Place
  - Highlights: OpenGov system, bus stop accessibility, ADA accessible pathways at the Arboretum, lunch and learns, Farmers Market provides senior market fresh coupons, walkability kit available at the RO Library, bicycle safety, computer training at the RO Library
  - Discussion about boards and committee review
- c. Park Naming
  - Judy Davids presents proposal to rename a park after Myron Zucker.
  - Zucker was a strong advocate for parks and recreation.
  - Suggested park is Exchange Park, named after Exchange Club, which no longer exists
    - Motion by Susan Wells to change Exchange Park's name to Myron Zucker Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joseph Vukich. Susan Wells amends motion to Myron and Isabel Zucker Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Samantha Grant, passed unanimously.
- d. DNR Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round.
  - John's Statement
  - Motion by Commissioner Macey to propose any combination of these parks, Dickinson Park, Red Run Park and Salter Center as parks and facilities to address in DNR Spark Grant for June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca Cheezum, passed unanimously.
- e. Staff Report
  - John discusses what's going in the department.

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

Rebecca Cheezum – suggest revisit meetings in July and August. Do we have anything as a thank you for volunteers etc.

VI. **Upcoming Events**

RO Slow Roll Bike Day – June 10<sup>th</sup> 8 am  
 Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair – July 1 & 2 10 am to 5 pm  
 Woodward Dream Cruise – August 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn: Motion by Hannah Holiday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Vukich by 9:01 pm, passed unanimously. [www.romi.gov](http://www.romi.gov)

Respectfully Submitted,

*John Fedele*

John Fedele, Superintendent of Recreation

Approved,

*Samantha Grant*

Secretary, Samantha Grant