

Southgate Parks and Recreation Commission  
Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017

***Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rob Proudlock at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTENDANCE

Rob Proudlock, Lenny Dembrosky, Carol Gordos, Melissa Holzhueter, Scott Labadie, Dr. Darlene Pomponio, Mark Farrah, Cheryl Tank and Dave Pinkowski

**ABSENT**

Roy Birmingham

**GUESTS**

Al Hildreth and Sue Suchyta (Downriver Freelance writer)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2017 was made by Carol Gordos and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl Tank

Motion: Passed

**APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

No Change

Motion to approve was made by Darlene Pomponio and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Farrah.

**ITEMS FROM OFFICERS**

**CHAIRMAN**

None

**Vice-Chairman**

What was the vandalism that occurred at Gerish (Beacon) school recently?

Discussion:

Dustin explained students from the recreation basketball games appeared to have caused some damage to the school during games. The incident is being addressed and the schools are handling the situation.

**Secretary**

Nothing

**Treasurer**

Nothing

**Director's Report**

1. We are having a Daddy/Daughter dance March 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be 2 dances held on that day. Daly Merrit is sponsoring the event. Disney character will be in attendance and tickets will be pre-sale only.
2. Basketball is going well with 356 children participating.
3. The edger at the rink was repaired. But we have had the Zamboni down during a tournament recently. On a Sunday during tournament it went down completely for that Sunday and the following Monday. By Tuesday it was back up and running. In turn we lost approximately 8-9,000 dollars over that time span. They are in much better shape now. Over all though the blue and white Zamboni was repaired with a basic bandaid.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

1. We have had a member play tennis at courts near rink and the cracks are really bad and need to be repaired. Dustin addressed and we will be starting repairs for spring tennis.
2. The Master Plan must be approved tonight.
3. Motion was made to adopt our Master Plan to go to City council Wednesday Feb. 15, 2017.  
Vote to approve – Approved Unanimously by Commission
4. Little League has a new President and Vice President – We have hopes for amazing things with the Little League program. They have more understanding of business aspects.

**School Communication**

1. The bleachers are almost completed with fences going up and still some work being down.
2. The new tennis courts will began construction this summer.
3. The parking lot project at the high school will begin in the summer also.

**School Board**

None

**YMCA**

None

**Park – Dustin  
Reported**

1. The walk way through the area at Market Center Park is being bid out. The path had to be rearranged, so it has been reconfigured and is all set to go to bid with a June 1<sup>st</sup> start date.
2. We are also working on getting bid for wings at Market Center Park.
3. Farmers Market is set for June-Sept. on Thursday nights with Concerts in the park coinciding with Farmers Market events. Our goal is to have a concert to be held every week. Each week we would have a theme perhaps. Dustin and Julie are still working on getting commitments from vendors for produce markets.
4. Roger's facility at Market Center Park is complete.

**Public Forum**

Al Hildreth – The slow pitch girls softball league will be moving to a modified pitch in the Senior league with the Junior following the following year. There are some other changes such as: game length, home plate rule, bunting and stealing. These will be addressed with the league.

**General Info**

Dave Pinkowski asked if Dustin could possible produce a google calendar with events that are occurring at Market Center Park. He informed us we could do that and then include it in the school calendar, Southgate Today also Crystal gardens will include it in their calendar as well. We also will be advertising in other City today Magazines.

We were also informed that Chorman School has been purchased by Calvary Baptist Church.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Melissa Holzhueter

Secretary

