

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

DRAFT Meeting Minutes ~ October 17, 2018

Present: Betty Sonneveldt, Jacob Chesnutt, Les Whitmer, Brandon 'Ric' Gordon, Michael Lee, Marc Siegel (late)

City Council: Emmett Jordan, Mayor (PRAB Liaison) - ABSENT

Staff: Julie McHale, Director of Recreation

Excused: Kristen Weaver, Lola Skolnik, Stephane Eding,

The meeting was called to order by Betty Sonneveldt at 7:33 p.m.

Ms. Sonneveldt introduced the draft minutes from the May 16, 2018 meeting for review and approval. The Minutes were unanimously approved with amendments.

Director, Julie McHale gave updates on Recreation activities:

- Nice presentation by TR Supervisor, Ms. Becky Sutfin, to Ivy family in recognition of Kelly Ivy's service to Greenbelt
- Congratulated Ms. Lola Skolnik and Mr. Marc Siegel on their 35 years of service
- Announced the Fall Fest scheduled for Saturday, 10/20 from 2pm-6pm at Schrom Hills Park
- Announced Costume Contest and Parade scheduled for Tuesday, October 30 beginning at 4:30pm SHARP at Roosevelt Center
- Announced the different dates and locations for the Pumpkin Carving and the Pumpkin Walk with the first one being held Saturday, October 20.
- Announced the Halloween Movie Event scheduled for Saturday, October 27 at 7pm at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- Also mentioned the Gobble Wobble and the Festival of Lights activities which are being finalized

At this time nominations were held for a new Board Chair were held:

- ✓ Jake Chesnutt was nominated for Chair for 2019. Jake accepted the nomination. Members approved Mr. Chesnutt as the new chair, 5-0
- ✓ Ric Gordon was nominated for Vice Chair for 2019. Ric accepted the nomination. Members in attendance approved Mr. Gordon 5-0
- ✓ Michael Lee was nominated for Secretary. Michael accepted the nomination. Members in attendance approved Mr. Lee 5-0
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The above elections were held for new officers with the caveat that if found the protocol was done incorrectly, they will need to be re-done. Staff has been asked to explore the questions below. Several questions were asked:

- Are elections done annually?
- Do we have Bylaws that state the protocol for holding elections for the Board Officers?
- If there are Bylaws, why aren't all the Board Members aware of them?
- Can you conduct nominations electronically?

- Can you vote electronically?
- What is the member introductions when new members are elected to the Board?

Michael Lee, brought the City of Greenbelt Trails Map up for discussion. He wanted to know if others on the Board were aware of this map; where the map is located; why isn't the map more publicized. Other Board members were aware of the map and discussion took place on the value of the map and could staff look into getting it more publicized. Staff will follow up at next meeting.

Marc Siegel also asked for an update on the Dam Project. Staff will follow up.

Jacob Chesnutt asked for an update on the Recreation Master Plan. Staff stated that the draft summary was just received from Greenplay, LLC and will be presented to PRAB in the near future.

Lastly, questions on whether or not the location of the new Dog Park has been decided? If so, what was the decision? If not, what is the hold up? Staff will follow up at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by jjm/11/29/2018

Answers from Planning to the Prab question:

updates regarding:

- Is there an update on the Dam project?
 - Project is waiting for MDE approval and then will go out to bid. Our loan requires the project to be started by December 1st, but start date is dependent on MDE review time.
- Has there been a location selected for the 'new' dogpark? If so, what was decided?
 - No this project has been on hold but with the Community Planning positions filled work should resume soon.
- Where is the City of Greenbelt "Trails Map" located? Is it distributed in welcome packets? Is it online where one can download it? Where can one find one of these and how often are they updated?
 - The trails map is online. I can't tell you where at the moment since I am not at computer today (actually off today on train to Philly :)). Right now there are boxes of maps in Beverly's office. They have been distributed to various locations around town. I don't know if they are going in welcome packets but given there are limited copies and we used a grant to print them I would rather distribute on request and at strategic locations around town. The map is updated prior to printing. This was the first update in at least 15+ years (when map was created) I believe.
- Is there any precedence on teleconferencing for meetings? Is there any guidelines/policy stating them?
 - I'll defer to Bonita, but APB does not allow members to teleconference in.
- Are there broad Bylaws and/or Guidelines for Advisory Boards? If so, where could a member find them?

