

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Approved MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2013

Members Present: Kelly Ivy, Betty Sonneveldt, Chris Husker
Chair: Lola Skolnik
Staff Liaison: Julie McHale
City Council Liaison: Leta Mach
Members Excused: Jay Shay, Alice Murphy, Lester Whitmer, Michael Lee, Ken Blue
Members Unexcused: Marc Siegel, Abdul Turay
Visitors: Bill Orleans

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:35pm

Council-woman Mach gave a brief overview of the Organizational Assessment which was presented to Council by the President of Matrix Consulting Group on Monday, December 16, 2013.

Since there was not a quorum, the November meeting minutes could not be approved

Lola Skolnik, Chair, presented Bette Sonneveldt with her 5 year service pin from the City

Julie gave Recreation Department updates which included Greenbelt being one of the first 15 municipalities to become a HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Living) city.

Lola started discussion on the joint meeting that PRAB held in November on the playground surfacing issue.

- Tonight's meeting attendees were very pleased with the presentation by Ms. Trisha McMannus but still believe they need to hear the information on the environmental/health/mold concerns of the different types of surfaces so that a thorough recommendation can be given to Council
- Along with the final recommendation to Council from PRAB, the Board would like the PowerPoint presentation by Ms. McMannus attached
- Julie, Director of Recreation, will work with Lola, Chair, to pick one or two of the environmental speakers from the list that Ms. Theodora Adams sent to PRAB
- The meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 15th at the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room and will once again be a joint meeting with Youth Advisory Committee and Public Safety Advisory Committee
- Julie, is searching for an expert on the concerns of mold with the engineered wood fiber surfacing material
- Julie will send out the invites to the other committees
- Once a decision has been made, Julie will contact the speakers and invite them to the meeting January 15

Julie reminded PRAB members that after the January meeting, the Contribution and Recognition Group applications will be available and PRAB needs to set up meeting dates to review and recommend organizations for FY2015.

Bette Sonneveldt stated that she is still interested in providing training for the Contribution Groups to assist them in filling out the application. Julie McHale will reserve a room to hold this training. Applications will be due February 28.

PRAB reconfirmed the need for a picnic shelter at the Buddy Attick Lake Park and stated that this fits within the existing master plan. It is the Board's understanding that a recommendation was made on the picnic shelter; Julie will contact the City Clerk to see if this recommendation was filed.

It was also noted by those present tonight that sometime this next year PRAB needs to take a look at the current Buddy Attick Park master plan and make updates where necessary.

It was also noted by those present tonight, that sometime this next year PRAB needs to review how City Council selects applicants for the different Volunteer-based committees or boards.

Respectfully submitted: jjm