

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 19, 2013

PRESENT: Lola Skolnik, Ken Blue, Alice Murphy, Kelly Ivy, Marc Siegel, Michael Lee,
Lester Whitmer, Chris Husker

STAFF: Julie McHale, Recreation Director
Leta Mach, Council Member

EXCUSED: Betty Sonneveldt, Chris Husker

UNEXCUSED: Jay Shah

1. Call to Order
2. Councilwoman Mach Updates
 - a. Overall FY2014 Budget review
Staff shortages continue. Departments have been interviewed. Currently compiling and reviewing current job profiles, surveys of staff, etc. to determine next steps.
3. Department Updates
 - a. **Park Rangers needed**
 - i. Need to be 18+, about 25 hours/week, \$8/hour
 - b. **Outdoor Pool opened**
 - i. Working on getting a second exit point using portable steps
 - ii. Portable steps were purchased and installed but had to be taken out due to a possible entrapment issue
 - iii. Currently, no payment has been made; vendor is trying to fix the problem
 - c. **Camp Registration** numbers are continuing to **rise**
 - d. **MATRIX Re-organization** study survey
 - i. Fulltime staff interviews are complete
 - ii. Survey was sent out online through survey monkey to all classified staff
 - iii. Department Draft Profiles were sent out to all Department Heads and Recreation made several edits
 - iv. MATRIX now compiling all information that has been edited and submitted
 - e. **“Back to the Rec”** night at SHL – June 7
 - i. Tried to get more parents involved; outcome was about 60 kids but only four parents in attendance

4. Review of the **Buddy “Attick” Lake Park dredging/plan** – Celia Craze
 - a. Dredging is at least a year out. Dam breach study done and found improvements need to be made. Required by state to: raise by 10 feet, remove some vegetation, etc. Costing \$600,000-\$700,000. Hoping to work on fixing dam and dredging lake as parallel projects. Dredge work to cost about \$1.2 million dollars to dredge portions of the lake (don’t have money for this). Alternative would be to clean out just the fingers and forebays which is a project that can be phased and affects the worst of the mucky areas. Considering signing a consent form with state that would bind us to the state and require us to complete project in 5 years or the state could take regulatory authority of the dam. First improvement slated for July 2014. Attempting to get approval for a clean water loan but charter limits us from making a loan agreement of that size.
 - b. Board expressed concern over maintaining quality of life of the lake – need to ensure continued use of lake by the public. Bottom line, we need money (either extended tax base or \$2 million bond referendum). Craze advised board to bring issue to Council, she will provide the dam breach report.
PRAB Recommendation: Get Lakeside Citizen Association involved, get synopsis from Craze on issues she touched on during our meeting, then send report to Council to make the lake a priority – emphasize risk of losing control of the dam and risk of a breach of the dam; cost effective to pair these projects together.
5. PRAB recommendation on CAR#6-2013 Daily use fee for Attick Park
 - a. Council wants a recommendation on instituting a daily parking fee for Attick Park
 - b. **Recommendation: PRAB does not recommend CAR#6-2013. Would cost more money to institute than we would collect, not enforceable, and would clog neighborhood streets. We do recommend a permanent picnic structure (for 75+ people) and charge to use it. Vote: Approved**
6. New Business
 - a. Appoint a Secretary from Committee members
 - i. Alice and Ken will alternate
 - b. Ms. Paula Clinedinst left Greenbelt, resigned
 - i. Abdul has been appointed to fill her spot
 - c. Work session on July 10 on the matter of a Youth Curfew- suggest Chair attend (and others if interested)
7. Old Business
 - a. Review of Buddy Attick Park Masterplan
 - b. Picnic pavilion
8. Adjournment