Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting June 6, 2007

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman Patrick Dooling, Commissioner Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Absent

Public Works Representative James Belluscio, Commissioner Jacqueline Munk, Commissioner

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director Kerri Rowland, Alderman Joe Garbus, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their June meeting on June 6, 2007 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

I. <u>Consideration of Minutes</u> of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on May 2, 2007.

Commissioner Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to accept the May 2, 2007 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

<u>Karen Dorney, 67 Anchorage Drive</u> – Gave a brief presentation to the Commission of her idea to have the refuse cans at city beaches and parks decoratively painted. The Commission said they would check with Public Works to see if this project was something that would be doable.

III. Correspondence

- 1. Director McCarthy read to the Commission a Thank You card from Denise Morris-Curt for all the help she received with her Art Show.
- 2. Director McCarthy received an email from Dan Worroll identifying some of the issues and concerns that the Mayors Committee for People with Disabilities had regarding adequate access to parks and playgrounds. Director McCarthy responded that there is a safety issue at Andrews Avenue playground and once this has been addressed, we will work on these new issues. Chairman Worroll responded that most of these parks already have handicap access and he would forward Director McCarthy's response to Mr. Candido.
- 3. Director McCarthy received an email from Marcia Winter requesting job description for a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Marcia will be trying to get grant money for a one-year trial position to help develop inclusive programming.
- 4. Kathy Radziunas has processed the inclusive programming surveys and written a job description, which Director McCarthy has forwarded to Marcia Winter. Vice Chairman Fabian asked how many surveys were received. Director McCarthy stated that he received 35 to date.
- 5. Director McCarthy has exchanged emails and phone calls with Bill Helen re: "Catch 22" at skate park. No children are showing up so the staff leaves for the day. Bill Helene sent a letter to the newspaper regarding lack of use due to fees, lack of maintenance, no restrooms, etc.
- 6. Director McCarthy received an email from Pat Liptak asking for new benches and a picnic table for the Dog Park. The Recreation Department will purchase these for the park.

IV. Director's Report

- 1. Director McCarthy reported that the dedication ceremony of Pierson Park went very well
- 2. Director McCarthy reported that the Eisenhower Park tennis court repairs have been completed.

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- 3. Director McCarthy sent a work order over to Public Works requesting signs be posted with park hours at Grove Circle.
- 4. The Hershey Track Meet was held on June 18, 2007. Everything went well.
- 5. The Teen Camp that we tried to run this summer has been cancelled due to low enrollment.
- 6. The Recreation Department 2007 2008 budget has been approved with no cuts.
- 7. Recycling bins will be placed at beaches and parks

V. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Chairman Worroll invited everyone to the golf course opening day/ media day on Saturday June 16, 2007 at 10 a.m.
- Chairman Worroll attended the Community Gardens Fundraiser. It was a great day and they had a large turnout.
- 3. Chairman Worroll reported that Denise Morris-Curt's Art Fair went well and she had plenty of volunteers.

VI. Old Business

- 1. Chairman Worroll asked if there was any new information on the bocce courts at Walnut Beach. Director McCarthy reported that he still needed to meet with the Public Works Director on this matter.
- 2. Chairman Worroll asked if the Parson's Gym leak had been repaired. Director McCarthy reported that it had not.
- 3. Chairman Worroll asked if there was any information on the Farmer's Market. Director McCarthy reported that he had not heard from anyone yet this year.

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commissioner's to hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on July 11, 2007 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Guglielmoni, Secretary