

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
121 N. Church Street, Hudson, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes of April 17, 2014

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson John Enerson at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: John Enerson, Amy Hill, Wayne Perry and Kim Decker
Absent: Karen Downing, Tom Romanowski and Ali Moreno

Others Present: Steve Sword, Joann Crater, Rick Cramer, Dennis Smoke, City Manager Steve Hartsel, and Deputy Clerk Jeaniene McClellan.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Setting the Agenda:

Excuse Absent Member(s):

Motion by Amy Hill, seconded by Wayne Perry to **excuse absent members from the meeting**, CARRIED: 4-0 by roll call vote.

Agenda:

Motion by Kim Decker seconded by Amy Hill to **add Midwest Volkswagen Jamboree under New Business as Item A, and move the other items down respectively**, CARRIED: Unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes:

Motion by Amy Hill, seconded by Kim Decker to **approve the minutes of September 26, 2013, and place on file**, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Midwest Volkswagen Jamboree:

Rick Cramer and Dennis Smoke asked for permission to use the Memorial Park for the Midwest Volkswagen Jamboree this year on June 6, 7, and 8th. There were not any problems last year and they would like to have it again this year. Last year the little league ran the concession for this event and they plan to run it again this year.

Motion by Wayne Perry, seconded by Kim Decker to **approve Midwest Volkswagen Jamboree to use Memorial Park on June 6th, 7th, and 8th**, CARRIED: Unanimously by voice vote.

Approve FY 2014-15 Budget

City Manager Steve Hartsel told the Advisory Board that the City is planning on filling in the cracks on the tennis courts this year, then resurface the court in the next budget year. The Chamber of Commerce will be fixing and updating the Webster's Park by painting the shelter, replacing the grills, replacing or painting the

playground equipment and fixing the steps to the front of the park. There will also be a scheduled Tigers game for Saturday this spring and a Mud Hen's game for the next budget year.

Revenue for the FY 2014-15 will be up a little to \$3,800. The expenses will be covering the maintenance and fixing of Webster Park.

Motion by Wayne Perry, seconded by Kim Deck to **approve the FY 2014-15 budget, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** by voice vote.

Discussion: Will Carleton Park Playground

City Manager Steve Hartsel had examples of different playground set for the committee to look at. The committee liked the set for the children up to 12 years old and it could hold up to 40 children at a time. But the committee also would like to see if the company in Hillsdale would have similar playground sets available that the city wouldn't have to pay the shipping cost. If the city could save on shipping then maybe they could get smaller sets for the other parks.

Discussion: Community Garden

There will be a community garden starting this year by the Findlay Trail. This will be in memory of Dan Fike and there have been two people already stepping up to help with the administration. There are already apple trees, horseradish and asparagus in the garden. Master Gardener Linda Freeborn and Delynn Lake from Kim's Wellness Center are willing to be the coordinators for the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status of Engle Trail:

City Manager Steve Hartsel showed the board the blueprints for the Engle Trail. The City received the DEQ Permit to continue for the culvert to be installed for the trail to go over the Garrison Drain. The City will begin the bid letting in July and the Trail should be completed by Labor Day.

Recreation Master Plan:

City Manager Steve Hartsel will send a questionnaire to each member before the end of next week by email. The questionnaire will ask Board members to rank the various recreation ideas in the last Rec Plan and the newest Master Plan. Deadline for members to respond will be May 9th.

VISITORS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Steve Sword introduced himself to the members. He will be in charge of the men's slow pitch baseball this summer. The league will be having games at Will Carleton Park on the big field on Tuesday night, starting at 6:00 pm. The league will begin the first of June and end at the end of August.

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Wayne Perry, seconded by Amy Hill to **adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Jeaniene McClellan, Deputy Clerk