

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was held in the City Commission Chambers in the East Grand Rapids Community Center.

Stacey Wykoski called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

PRESENT: Brad Andrzejewski, Judith Baxter, Carol Campbell, Mark Hessler, Brian Miller, Rick Sprague, Pam Witting and Stacey Wykoski

ABSENT: Dirk Buth

STAFF: Fred Bunn, Susan Perry and Diane Ritzke

Report of Commissioners

Carol Campbell - none

Judith Baxter – none

Brian Miller – none

Rick Sprague - none

Brad Andrzejewski – Great job with the Daddy Daughter Dance.

Pam Witting – none

Mark Hessler – none

Stacey Wykoski – none

Minutes for the December 14, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the December 14, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Judith Baxter

SUPPORT: Brad Andrzejewski

YES: Andrzejewski, Baxter, Campbell, Hessler, Miller, Sprague, Witting and Wykoski (8)

NO: (0)

Special Event Permit Applications were submitted for approval for the following events:

- a. Taste of East, August 18, 2016
- b. Gobble Wobble, November 24, 2016
- c. Resolution Run, December 31, 2016

Fred Bunn reported the Gobble Wobble event will be using the route approved for their event last year which will have participants going around Reeds Lake. Even though this route was approved last year it was not used but will be this year.

A motion was made to approve the Special Event Permits for the following:

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MOTION: Judith Baxter

SUPPORT: Rick Sprague

YES: Andrzejewski, Baxter, Campbell, Hessler, Miller, Sprague, Witting and Wykoski (8)

NO: (0)

Regarding the Special Event Calendar for 2016, Fred Bunn reported the organizers for the Walk & Remember Special Event have decided not to hold their event this year in East Grand Rapids. The organizers for the Aveda Walk are looking at changing their date to a date in May 2016.

Director's Report

Fred Bunn, Director of Parks and Recreation reported on the following:

- The Daddy Daughter Dance was held this last weekend and had 300 couples and an extra 80 single participants.
- The Polar Plunge Special Event will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016.
- Staff is working on our Summer 2016 Program Guide which will be mailed out to the Community in April.

Stacey Wykoski inquired about the following:

- Has the Ice Hockey Tournament moved in another direction? Fred reported this event is now held at Richmond Park.
- Are Standup Paddleboard rentals returning? Fred reported he had met with the owners of Coastal Cruisin' Threads and renewed their agreement for this year.
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Brad Andrzejewski inquired about Peter Dimitriou who came to the September 14, 2015 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to discuss Climate issues. Fred reported he has come to the City Commission and spoke, he provided a link to a webinar which Fred will forward to the Commission

Fred Bunn reported road construction will be done on Lake Dr. from Conlon to Bagley this summer. Construction will start approximately June 13th and will be completed in September. This construction will impact the July 4th Parade and staff are reviewing parade route options.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:18 pm.

MOTION: Judith Baxter

SUPPORT: Brian Miller

YES: Andrzejewski, Baxter, Campbell, Hessler, Miller, Sprague, Witting and Wykoski (8)

NO: (0)