

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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 6:02 pm.

PRESENT: Judith Baxter, Carol Campbell, Brian Miller, Rick Sprague and Stacey Wykoski
ABSENT: Brad Andrzejewski, Dirk Buth, Mark Hessler and Pam Witting
STAFF: Fred Bunn, Susan Perry and Diane Ritzke

Report of Commissioners

Carol Campbell - none

Judith Baxter – none

Brian Miller - Reported the trees on Lake Dr. near the intersection of Lake/Breton/Lakeside have been taken down to prepare for the road work this summer. Utility poles have been moved as well. When the project is complete more trees will be replanted than were taken out.

Rick Sprague - none

Stacey Wykoski – none

Minutes for the March 14, 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 14, 2016 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Judith Baxter

SUPPORT: Rick Sprague

YES: Baxter, Campbell, Miller, Sprague, Wykoski (5)

NO: (0)

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

- a. Reeds Lake SUP Race, August 27, 2016
- b. Spectrum Health Irish Jig, March 18, 2017

Director Fred Bunn reported the following on these events:

- Reeds Lake SUP Race - Director Fred Bunn explained to the organizers of the Reeds Lake SUP race there was an open spot in the August calendar for a special event in 2016 because the organizers of the Gaslight Criterium opted out of hosting their event due to road construction this year, however, if they submit their application for August 2017 within the special event guidelines timeline they will get their spot back in 2017. He reported the organizers for the Reeds Lake SUP Race are aware they might not be able to hold their event in August for 2017.
- Spectrum Health Irish Jig – The new route worked out well for 2016 and they have submitted the same route for 2017.

A motion was made to approve the Special Event Permits for the Reeds Lake SUP Race on August 27, 2016 and the Spectrum Health Irish Jig on March 18, 2017 as presented and written.

MOTION: Judith Baxter

SUPPORT: Brian Miller

YES: Baxter, Campbell, Miller, Sprague, Wykoski (5)

NO: (0)

Director's Report

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

- Summer 2016 Program Guide has been mailed out. Registration for residents will begin April 14, 2016.
- Outdoor public restrooms are open.
- Skid piers are in.
- Kayak launch is installed.
- Geese Control – the City has contracted with Webs and Paws to help control the geese in John Collins Park.
- July 4th Parade – there will be a new parade route this year with the road work scheduled on Lake/Breton/Lakeside. The route staff is working on is: Staging the parade on Sherman, going East on Wealthy to Lakeside, turning left on Lakeside past John Collins Park and ending near Lakeside and Reeds Lake Blvd.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:26 pm.

MOTION: Judith Baxter

SUPPORT: Rick Sprague

YES: Baxter, Campbell, Miller, Sprague, Wykoski (5)

NO: (0)