

City of Grand Rapids
IRA Civic Center / Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Monthly Meeting
Thursday, September 14th 2017 – **5:30 pm**
IRA Civic Center

- I. Call to order
- II. Financial reports (only if end of quarter)
- III. Approve May Minutes
- IV. Setting of regular agenda
- V. Visitors
 - a. Human Rights Commission
 - b. Mobility Mania
- VI. Old business
 - a. Multi-Use Pavilion update
 - b. Dehumidification replacement update
 - c. Electronic community message board update
- VII. New business
 - a. Civic Center Expansion / State Bonding
- VIII. Staff Reports
 - a. Programs and events update
- IX. Correspondence
- X. Adjournment

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CIVIC CENTER AND PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 10, 2017

The IRA Civic Center and Park and Recreation Advisory Board held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at the IRA Civic Center.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members Present: Lilah Crowe, Luke Francisco, Tina Glorvigen, Brad Hyduke, and Steve Oleheiser

Board Members Absent: Tasha Connelly and Adrienne Huson

Staff Present: Dale Anderson, Sara Holum

Visitors: Cathrine McLynn

II. FINANCIAL REPORTS

None reported. Dale explained that financials for both the Civic Center and Parks and Recreation Department look to be in line with the budgets.

III. MINUTES

The minutes from the last regular meeting held on March 15, 2017 were presented to the board.

A motion was made by Glorvigen and second by Oleheiser, to accept the March 15, 2017 minutes as presented.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted in favor thereof: Crowe, Francisco, Glorvigen, Hyduke, and Oleheiser. Those opposed: none. Motion carried.

IV. SETTING THE AGENDA

No items were added for discussion.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Multi-Use Pavilion update. Paving is set for Wednesday, May 17. Landscaping has started. Anderson Glass has donated the doors and glass which are now in place. Concrete stairway is in as well.
- b) Dehumidification replacement update. The old dehumidification unit is out and the new one is in which sits above the west bleachers and runs the length of the building. We will be firing it up in about 2 weeks for testing. Looking to put ice back in somewhere between July 5-10.
- c) Discuss electronic community message board. Learning of rules and regulations, the community message board can no longer be located on Highway 38 west of the old Lampert's Building. The message board is now scheduled to be located on the Blandin property north of

the fountain. The 5' x 10' screen is ordered and will sit ten feet from the ground and will display the City of Grand Rapids Logo. Messages displayed will be split between the Blandin Foundation, The Reif Center, ISD #318 and the City of Grand Rapids. The Blandin Foundation's portion will display non-profit community events. Messages will change every six seconds, will not show videos and cannot display any political or religious beliefs. Non-profit community events and their representatives will now be able to fill out a form and have their event displayed on the community message board instead of signs and sandwich boards being placed on the central school lawn.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss next season's ice rates. PUC discovered that there was a mis-metered reading for 15 years. Electricity rates will increase anywhere from \$65,000 to \$90,000 per year. Dale informed the group that he is working with PUC to see if they would be willing to let us reach that increase in three years. Dale suggested increase possibilities could be 35% for 2018; 70% for 2019; and 100% in 2020. Nothing is concrete as we are waiting to see how PUC will work with us. They have remetered the reader so it is working properly now. This item has not gone to council for an increase in capital budgeting and Dale will be getting a letter out to GRAHA and SNSC.
- b) Discuss rental fees for Multi-Use Pavilion. Dale suggested the following prices for rental of the pavilion during the spring, summer and fall months:
 - a. Sports Practices: \$20/hour (such as Little League, Lacrosse, etc.)
 - b. One-half day (4 hours): \$100/day (Graduation Parties, Garage Sales, etc.)
 - c. Full day (8 am to 10 pm) \$200/day

A motion was made by Oleheiser and second by Francisco, to accept the Multi-Use Pavilion rental fees as stated above.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted in favor thereof: Crowe, Francisco, Glorvigen, Hyduke, and Oleheiser. Those opposed: none. Motion carried.

VII. STAFF REPORT

- a) Programs and events update.
 - a. Civic Center-Dry Floor went well this year and basically was status quo with the exception of losing the boat show. The Civic Center does not have as many weddings scheduled as in the past.
 - b. Parks and Recreation Department programs are in full swing. There are approximately 140 girls signed up for volleyball grades 2-5. Swimming lessons are down and we continue to struggle in finding instructors. Summer Sports Camp registrations are starting to come in. Instructors again this year are Ben Simula and Tom Grossell. Kelsey Johnston, who is an elementary phy ed teacher, and Emma McClure are new additions.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

IX. VISITORS

Catherine McLynn, on behalf of the Mt. Itasca Board, sat in on the May 10, 2017 Advisory Board meeting. She reported that although they receive investments from the IRRRB and Blandin Foundation, Mount Itasca is seeking additional financial assistance from groups to put towards a new groomer. She is aware that the City in the past has donated \$15,000 for three years in a row but is no longer doing that. Dale recommended to Catherine McLynn to draft a letter to the IRA Civic Center /Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with the request and he also explained that as it is not something that we budgeted for this year, we would have to wait until the end of the year to see where the budget falls.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Sara Holum