

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

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

Rick Sprague called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

PRESENT: Carol Campbell, Liz Mitchell, Adam Rogalski, Aaron Smith and Rick Sprague
ABSENT: Nick Abraham, Brad Andrzejewski, Mark Hessler and Katie Favale
STAFF: Fred Bunn, Susan Perry and Diane Ritzke
GUEST: Tom Tilma

Report of Commissioners:

Liz Mitchell - None

Adam Rogalski - None

Carol Campbell - None

Rick Sprague – None

Aaron Smith – None

Minutes for the October 8, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the October 8, 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Carol Campbell

SUPPORT: Aaron Smith

YES: Campbell, Mitchell, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (5)

NO: (0)

The Community Plan Timeline for 2019 was reviewed by Director Fred Bunn. The first public workshop is scheduled for May 13, 2019 with a plan completion date of January 2020. Liz Mitchell asked for a list of the projects that were completed and those that were not completed from the 2012 Master Plan. Adam Rogalski asked what the expectations of the Commission and what role the Commissioners will have. Fred explained the Commissioners should plan on being at the four Public Workshops. The workshops are public charrettes where attendees are split up in groups. The Commissioners will be seated in different groups to participate in discussions and take notes. Someone from MCSA and Fred will lead discussion for these public charrettes.

The Special Event Calendar was reviewed.

Special Events were presented for approval:

A. Adaptive Wake Surf Tour, July 27, 2019

B. Rhoades McKee Reeds Lake Triathlon, September 7, 2019

C. Gazelle Sports Gobble Wobble, November 28, 2019

Director Fred Bunn reviewed these events. All are returning events.

A motion was made to approve the special event permits for the Adaptive Wake Surf Tour, July 27 2019, Rhoades McKee Reeds Lake Triathlon September 7, 2018 and the Gazelle Sports Gobble Wobble, November 28, 2019.

MOTION: Carol Campbell

SUPPORT: Adam Rogalski

YES: Campbell, Mitchell, Rogalski Smith and Sprague (5)

NO: (0)

Public Comment:

Tom Tilma, 1635 Hall St. SE, inquired how the Park and Recreation Plan would work with the Mobility Plan that Doug LaFave, Assistant City Manager, is working on. Fred reported he has not heard anything regarding the Mobility Plan but will review it with Doug LaFave.

Director's Report

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

- City Manager, Brian Donovan will be retiring this year. The City Commission and Mayor interviewed candidates last Friday and have made a conditional offer to Emmanuel Toribio (Manny) from Iowa to become the City Manager for East Grand Rapids.
- The City Commission approved a Private Fireworks Use and Display Permit and application process at their January 7, 2019 meeting.
- Invasive Species Workshop – the next event is February 16, 2019 from 9-12:00 noon at Waterfront Park. Anyone interested in participating at this workshop can either pre-register or just stop in.
- The City will be using a new software program called NeoGov, which is an online hiring center. This will allow the city to become more automated online for all aspects of hiring a new employee.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting @ 6:26pm.

MOTION: Aaron Smith

SUPPORT: Carol Campbell

YES: Campbell, Mitchell, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (5)

NO: (0)