

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 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 6:01 pm.

PRESENT: Nick Abraham, Carol Campbell, Katie Favale, Mark Hessler, Liz Mitchell, Adam Rogalski, Aaron Smith and Rick Sprague

ABSENT: Brad Andrzejewski

STAFF: Fred Bunn and Diane Ritzke

Report of Commissioners:

Nick Abraham - None

Liz Mitchell - None

Adam Rogalski – None

Katie Favale - None

Carol Campbell – None

Mark Hessler – None

Aaron Smith – None

Rick Sprague – None

Minutes for the January 14, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Adam Rogalski

SUPPORT: Mark Hessler

YES: Abraham, Campbell, Favale, Hessler, Mitchell, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (8)

NO: (0)

The Community Plan Timeline for 2019 was reviewed by Director Fred Bunn. The first public workshop is scheduled for June 10, 2019 with a plan completion date of January 2020. Fred reviewed the top two projects that were in the previous plan but not yet completed. The top two projects he reviewed were:

1. Waterfront Park Phase II
2. Manhattan Park

Fred also reviewed the role of the Commissioners in this process. Discussion followed.

The Special Event Calendar was reviewed.

Special Events were presented for approval:

- A. EGRMS Cardboard Boat Regatta – September 20, 2019
- B. Resolution Run – December 31, 2019

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

A motion was made to approve the special event permits for the EGRMS Cardboard Boat Regatta, September 20, 2019 and the Resolution Run, December 31, 2019.

MOTION: Carol Campbell

SUPPORT: Katie Favale

YES: Abraham, Campbell, Favale, Hessler, Mitchell, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (8)

NO: (0)

Director's Report

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

- Susan Perry, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation will be retiring on March 20th. She has worked for the East Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Department for over 27 years. A reception will be held on March 20th from 3-5pm if Commissioners would like to stop by to wish her well.
- There will not be a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in April.
- The Community Plan survey will go out the 2nd week of April.
- Invasive Species Workshop – the next event is April 6, 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 last workshop was held on February 16, 2019 and had about 10-12 volunteers.
- The Tennis Ball Recycling program at Canepa netted about 1,100 tennis balls. The City will look at putting the recycling containers at other public courts in the City.
- Manny Toribio will be starting his position as City Manager here in East Grand Rapids at the end of this month.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting @ 6:44pm.

MOTION: Adam Rogalski

SUPPORT: Katie Favale

YES: Abraham, Campbell, Favale, Hessler, Mitchell, Rogalski, Smith and Sprague (8)

NO: (0)