

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
EGR COMMUNITY CENTER
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
MONDAY, MAY 13, 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, Brad Andrzejewski, Carol Campbell, Katie Favale, Liz Mitchell, Adam Rogalski and Rick Sprague
ABSENT: Mark Hessler and Aaron Smith
STAFF: Fred Bunn and Diane Ritzke
GUESTS: Tiffany Smith, MCSA Group, Inc. and Doug La Fave, Interim City Manager

Report of Commissioners:

Nick Abraham - None

Liz Mitchell - None

Adam Rogalski – None

Katie Favale - None

Carol Campbell – None

Brad Andrzejewski – Reported someone with the Flag Football group renting Memorial Field on Sunday has requested the southeast gate between the track area and Memorial Field be unlocked as participants practicing in the track area must walk through the parking lot to get to the field for their game. It would be safer to have the gate unlocked so they can enter the field from the track area instead of having to go around and then through the parking lot to get to the field.

Rick Sprague – None

Minutes for the March 13, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes for the March 13, 2019 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

MOTION: Carol Campbell

SUPPORT: Katie Favale

YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Campbell, Favale, Mitchell, Rogalski, and Sprague (7)

NO: (0)

The Special Event Calendar was reviewed.

A Special Event Permit application was presented for approval for the Spectrum Health Irish Jig 5K to be held on March 21, 2020.

Fred Bunn reviewed the event. Discussion followed.

A motion was made to approve the Special Event Permit for the Spectrum Health Irish Jig 5K to be held on March 21, 2020.

MOTION: Carol Campbell

SUPPORT: Katie Favale

YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Campbell, Favale, Mitchell, Rogalski, and Sprague (7)

NO: (0)

Community Plan Review of Process

Director Fred Bunn introduced Tiffany Smith from MCSA and Doug La Fave, Interim City Manager. Fred commented he has been working with Tiffany over the last few months putting together the survey along with Goals and Objectives and some other items required for the plan.

Fred reminded the Commission there are two upcoming public workshops scheduled on June 10, 2019 and July 8, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Fred also reminded the Commission that a playground life expectancy assessment, although not required for the plan, was done. We have 9 playgrounds, and most are 20-25 years old and will need replacement at some time in the future. The Joint Facilities Committee will be forming a subcommittee to start looking at timelines for replacing the playgrounds and funding for the replacement of the playgrounds.

Fred informed the Commission to keep in mind there are deed restrictions on some of the properties that will be reviewed in the master plan which may limit what can be done on certain properties.

Tiffany Smith, MCSA, reviewed the process that is required to complete the Master Plan and what the Commission's role is. She commented that her company has been involved with past Master Plans with the City and her company has worked on several projects for the City including Manhattan Park, John Collins Park, Wealthy Streetscape, Reeds Lake Blvd. Bridge, Waterfront Park and amenities at the Community Center. Tiffany supplied boards show all the properties included in past Master Plans and reviewed the properties.

Fred Bunn reviewed the survey results that have come in so far. As of today, 482 surveys have been completed. The survey is still available, and it will probably be available until approximately the end of May 2019.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting @ 7:07pm.

MOTION: Katie Favale

SUPPORT: Brad Andrzejewski

YES: Abraham, Andrzejewski, Campbell, Favale, Mitchell, Rogalski, and Sprague (7)

NO: (0)