

**MADISON HEIGHTS PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, July 15 2021

5:30 P.M.

Monroe Park Pavilion – 479 West Dallas Avenue, Madison Heights, Michigan, 48071

*****In the event of inclement weather, the meeting location will be moved to 801 Ajax Drive***

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Excuse Absences
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. May 20, 2021
- IV. Meeting Open to the Public
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Recreation Master Plan – Update
 - B. Yoga in the Park – Update
 - C. Student Representatives – Update
 - D. Activities and Events Subcommittee - Update
- VI. Student Report
 - A. Madison High School
 - B. Lamphere High School
 - C. Bishop Foley High School
- VII. School Board Representative Report
 - A. Madison District – Gloria Thompson
 - B. Lamphere District – Rob Borngesser
- VIII. Council Report
- IX. Administration Report
- X. Oakland County Parks & Recreation Report
- XI. Recreation Report
- XII. Streets/Facilities/Parks Report
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Playground Equipment
- XIV. Adjournment

Please call the office at (248) 589-2294 ONE-day prior, if you are unable to attend.

**Next Meeting
September 16, 2021**

Madison Heights Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting - Draft Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021
Electronically via ZOOM (due to COVID-19)

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Dzeroogian called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Chairman Jerry Dzeroogian, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Jeremy Carroll, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Sandra Quackenbush, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Jamie Bommarito, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Jason Theodoroff, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Councilor Emily Rohrbach, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Councilman Bob Corbett, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Corey Almas, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Brooke Heisler, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Sean Ballantine, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI
Matt Pardy, attending remotely from Madison Heights, Oakland County, MI

Absent: Brian Gettel (with notice), Mike Morris (with notice), Vita Palazzolo (with notice),
Joe McNab (with notice), Gloria Thompson (with notice)

Additional people present: Lisa Bergum, attending remotely from Madison Heights,
Oakland County, MI

A. Excuse Absences

Motion to excuse the absences of the board members who notified DPS that they would not be able to attend: Motion by Theodoroff, seconded by Quackenbush - unanimous approval.

III. Approval of the Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of March 25, 2021

Motion by Theodoroff, seconded by Carroll, to approve the minutes as written – unanimous approval.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

A. No public were present.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Recreation Master Plan: Ballantine reported that we received the commentary back from the DNR, it appears that all of the required information is in place and readily available, and we are in compliance with our previous grants.
- B. Dog park / Food Festival: Almas summarized the proposals as presented. Discussion ensued. Concerns raised regarding footprint in the park (Dzeroogian), the sample size of the survey in comparison to the City's overall population (Quackenbush), and that the money could be better spent in other ways through the Parks system elsewhere if there is no real

desire for this amenity. Rohrbach asked what problem does this solve? There is already a dog park in Madison Heights (Oakland County), but there is a complaint about lack of shade. She reported that she had approached County Commissioner McGillivray, and there is a possibility of adding more shade structures. Dzeroogian: Royal Oak has one right on the City's border, do we need a third park in Madison Heights taking up part of the park system. Carroll: There is one in Hazel Park, inquired about status of current upgrades to the County park, Corbett responded. Rohrbach asked Pardy about the dog park; he replied that they are aware of the need for overall upgrades. Small footprint and lack of irrigation cause a lot of wear and tear.

Motion by Theodoroff, seconded by Quackenbush for the Board to receive and file.

VI. Student Report

- A. Madison High School – Vacant
- B. Lamphere High School – Mr. McNab was absent.
- C. Bishop Foley High School - Vacant

VII. School Board Representative Report

- A. Madison District – Gloria Thompson
Ms. Thompson was absent.
- B. Lamphere District – Rob Borngesser
Mr. Borngesser was absent.

VIII. Council Report

Councilor Emily Rohrbach reported:

- A. Budget approved by Council, very appreciative of the DPS parks amenity prioritization presentation.
- B. Boards and Commissions are very active, summarized upcoming events and fundraising efforts. Native plant sale upcoming May 30.
- C. Arbor Day event was successful.
- D. Juneteenth is coming together, with a great deal of interest.
- E. Friends of the Library is having a book sale this weekend.
- F. PD Bike Rodeo is coming up June 5.
- G. A Memorial Celebration will be held in lieu of the parade this year.
- H. Festival in the Park has been cancelled (COVID), but looking forward to smaller events, and looking at the future (post-COVID).

IX. Administration Report

Corey Almas reported:

- A. Road construction projects: July 10, 11 mile will be closed at I-75 for bridge demolition. DPS is doing repairs on 11 Mile this summer to take advantage of this closure.
- B. DDI is open at 14 Mile, same thing is coming into place on 12 mile. 12 Mile will be closed at I-75 in 2022.
- C. Irving redone and reopening to traffic, Barrington south of 14 is being redone, as well as the R-3 projects,
- D. Fitness Court. June 11th grand opening, 10:00 AM, residential kickoff 5:30 PM, expressed hope that the Board can make a showing.

X. Oakland County Parks & Recreation Report

Matt Parady reported:

- A. Nature Center extremely busy with the nice weather, and peak bird migration season.
- B. Summer program brochure being released soon, most programming is still outdoors, and building is open for minimum services. Situation is changing rapidly.
- C. Golf Course and Dog Park are both very busy.
- D. Water Park is anticipated to open this year, no official date is set yet. Phased in approach and limited capacity. Staffing is very difficult, particularly with a lack of indoor pools over the winter to train lifeguards.
- E. Nationwide search in place for a new executive officer of Oakland County Parks, anticipating onboarding mid-summer.

XI. Recreation Report

Brooke Heisler reported:

- A. Summer is in full swing, Recreation is extremely busy. Very excited to have classes up and running again.
- B. 4 T-ball teams, practicing at Edmonson, Simonds, and Lessenger, many thanks to Lamphere. Games start June 10.
- C. Softball starts June 1, three teams from Madison Heights, partnered with Royal Oak Sandlot league again this year.
- D. Hiring six positions for summer camp which starts June 21 at Simonds Elementary. Currently down on enrollment, but there is a lot of interest more recently.
- E. Two new yoga classes running, well received by the participants.
- F. Golf Outing July 30 at Sanctuary Lake.
- G. Recreation Assistant position has been posted today.
- H. Question from Carroll, how did 5K go? 67 runners, event was smooth, 10 year old won the race in 22 minutes. Almas followed up and detailed the challenges faced by Brooke through the pandemic and rebuilding the Recreation division.

XII. Streets/Facilities/Parks Report

Sean Ballantine reported:

- A. DPS continues to manage the COVID-19 logistics in the buildings and facilities. Short of a few outbreaks, our staff remains healthy and at their posts.
- B. Memorial tree plantings coming soon, approximately 20 new trees are going into the parks.
- C. Continuing to maintain our parks, which have been extremely busy through COVID. The situation is currently very fluid, and DPS is adapting as they can.

XIII. New Business

- A. Sub-Committee Projects: Quackenbush and Rohrbach reported:
 - 1. Treads on Tuesdays has been successful, working on getting the information out to the community to gain interest via Facebook. Moving between Huffman, Civic, Rosie's, and Friendship Woods.
 - 2. Hosting carnival games at Juneteenth, partnering with the Recreation Department. Looking for lumber to build a giant Plinko board, and large stuffed animals.
 - 3. Proposing same for Trail Tunes, working with Councilman Bliss.
- B. Call for Projects: Ballantine reported that a free Yoga in the Park program had been submitted for consideration.
- C. Student Representatives: Ballantine noted that we have had trouble maintaining our student membership, which is an integral part of this community-based board. He asked that the board reach out to the schools after the summer in an attempt to fill these positions.

- D. BMX Track: Almas reported that the BMX track at Rosie's Park is being redone by DPS Staff, this is a work in progress.
- E. ADDITION TO AGENDA: Ballantine mentioned that the board did not currently have a Vice Chairperson to preside over the meetings in the Chairman's absence. Motion by Theodoroff, seconded by Rohrbach, to appoint Jeremy Carroll as Vice Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, unanimous approval.
- F. The consensus of the Board was to hold the next Meeting at the Monroe Park pavilion.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion by Carroll, seconded by Theodoroff to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm – unanimous approval.

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