

## Minutes of April 25, 2019

The regular meeting of the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by B. Hester at the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Office, 360 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Commission Present:	Brad Hester	Chairman
	Jason Macco	Vice Chairman
	Tom Pettit	Treasurer
	Matt Simpson	Commissioner
	Paula Nas	Secretary/Deputy Treasurer
	Jake Mengel	Commissioner

Staff Present:	Jamie Weasel	Assistant Director
	Carol Neumann	Office Manager
	Misty Moen	Senior Coordinator
	Chris Hester	Maintenance Supervisor
	Jerry Lint	Maintenance Assistant Supervisor

Absent:	Lonnie Adkins	Commissioner
	Senja Liimatta	Recreation Programmer

### Agenda

B. Hester requested a motion to accept the April agenda as presented. J. Macco made the motion and T. Pettit provided support. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Minutes

B. Hester requested a motion to accept the February 21, 2019 minutes. J. Macco made the motion and support was provided by J. Mengel. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 nays. Motion carried.

### Interim Directors Report

T. Pettit inquired about the five concerts this year. J. Weasel noted the city is willing to spend a little extra this year along with the DDA. The last concert will be somewhat of a grand opening of the spray park/ice rink. Concerts will be at the high school this year because of the work going on at Physicians Park. The city will also coordinate the food trucks as we have had at Physicians Park the past few years.

T. Pettit inquired about the field upgrades. J. Weasel noted there were positive things happening. Genesee County extended a grant for \$50k from the hotel tax to aid with field improvements. They realize the large amount of revenue coming to local business generated because of our tournament. They feel these improvements will help retain these tournaments in our park keeping the revenue in our community. Community Foundation of Greater Flint has contributed \$20k as well to help with this project. Weasel noted we received a preliminary bid of \$134k for the project. Weasel met with D. Liimatta to request \$80k along with engineering fee's from the Township. Plan is to have Rowe Engineering handle bids, specks, and, construction management. The plan is to scrape off fields 2,3,4,5,6, and then laser leveled to speck. They will bring in a Washington Ballpark Mix that has a conditioner in it which sheds water quickly. They will put in clay bricks for the pitcher's mound and batter's box. There is a side item in there as well to have some type of drainage put in to alleviate the flooding. There are approximately six tournaments from May – October so the goal is to go out for bid in May, have a bid opening in June, and start construction in September.

M. Simpson noted there seems to be a lot of 5k events out at the park. J. Weasel noted the popularity is definitely increasing and seems to be a popular fundraising event.

**Recreation Programmer**

No questions were raised.

**Maintenance Supervisor**

No questions were raised.

**Senior Center Coordinator**

M. Moen noted Young at Heart has approved funds to put in sod for a lawn bowling course at the Senior Center. Currently we are just waiting for weather to improve so the sod can be ordered. There is a group that currently goes to Sarnia to play so this will open the opportunity to have something local.

**Correspondence**

J. Weasel met with James Mirolli from Real Estate for a Cause. This is a local real estate agency in which the agents pick three charities in the Grand Blanc area and 10% of closing costs on homes bought or sold go to the charity the agent picks. James Mirolli selected Grand Blanc Parks & Recreation to be one of his three charities. He has already brought us a donation of \$500 and indicated there is another one coming our way as well. He wanted to do something to give back to his community and came up with great concept. One of his other charities is London Strong who provides AED's. He made contact with them and helped us to apply to get an AED for the Little League Building. J. Weasel noted Mr. Mirolli is a great guy who loves his community and we are so appreciative he chose us to partner up with him.

**Area & Facilities**

Did not meet / No report

**Budget & Finance Committee**

Did not meet / No Report

**Senior Committee**

Did not meet / No report

**Administration & Policy Committee**

Did not meet / No report

**Old Business**

B. Hester inquired if we want to get with the Township to revisit the list of projects slated for this year in relation to millage monies collected for park improvements. J. Weasel said he met with D. Liimmatta and the feeling was to wait until we get started with the field project and then go back and prioritize the immediate needs. J. Macco recommended the Area & Facilities group meet and revisit the list and re-prioritize. After updated is complete bring it back to the Commission with the committee's recommendations.

**New Business**

J. Weasel noted there are two pieces of equipment we'd like to get rid of. There is a small concessions trailer we have used a couple times but really do not have a use for it. There is also a truck we don't use. If the Commission would approve we would like to put it on BidNet and see if we can unload these items. J. Macco made a motion to put the surplus items on Bidnet. T. Pettit provided support. Vote taken 6 Yays – 0 Nays. Motion approved.

## Financial Reports

T. Pettit made a motion to accept the February 2019 Financial Reports as submitted. J. Macco provided support. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 nays. Motion approved.

T. Pettit made a motion to accept the February 2019 Check Register as submitted. J. Macco provided support. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 nays. Motion approved.

T. Pettit made a motion to accept the March 2019 Financial Reports as submitted. J. Macco provided support. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 nays. Motion approved.

T. Pettit made a motion to accept the March 2019 Check Register as submitted. J. Mengel provided support. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 nays. Motion approved.

J. Weasel noted C. Neumann and himself had discussion was had with B. Hester, D. Liimatta, and D. Latti regarding some financial issues we have been facing. In an effort to be transparent and make sure everyone is aware of the situation we think it is best to be honest and get everyone up to speed on our current issues. We need to do some restructuring to get back on track but it is manageable if we make some changes. C. Neumann added we have been requesting our allocations early and unless there is some type of increase to revenue we will never catch up. It was also noted there was an accounting practice in place of not put payables in the system until we were ready to pay them so no one would have known there were outstanding bills. C. Neumann noted this practice has been corrected as of January 2019 and all bills are now in the system and being updated on a regular basis. P. Nas requested we also make sure the City and Schools are brought up to speed on this as well. J. Weasel indicated he would be sure to make them aware as well.

## Round Table

T. Pettit inquired with what is going on with the three entities are we wasting our time meeting on a monthly basis. B. Hester noted he would like to continue to meet as there are going to be on going issues that need to be addressed. B. Hester noted while the City, Township, and Schools work toward updating the contract we hope they will put politics aside and realize the Parks & Recreation is a important part of the community and it would be a travesty if it would cease to exist.

P. Nas apologized that these accounting and payable issues have gone unaddressed for so long and thanked C. Neumann and J. Weasel for bringing it to the attention of the commission.

J. Weasel advised the commission due to all the uncertainty and pulling the position of the Director off the table he decided to look toward another opportunities. J. Weasel noted Oakland County contacted him and asked him to interview and ultimately have made an offer to be the Director of the Independence Oaks, Independence Oaks North, and Orion Oaks. Weasel said, " It is with a heavy heart I leave Grand Blanc Parks & Recreation. This is my home and my family but I have to make the best move for my future." Weasel noted he will begin at this new position on May 13.

Based on the is new information T. Pettit made a motion to go into executive session. J. Macco provided support. Vote taken 6 Nays – 0 Nays

J. Macco made a motion to exit executive session. Support provided by M. Simpson. Vote taken 6 Yays – 0 Nays. Motion approved.

As there was nothing further to discuss J. Macco made a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm. T. Pettit provided support. Vote taken 6 yeas – 0 Nays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Nas PN/CN