

*Parks & Recreation Advisory
Commission*



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
12 APRIL 2011 - 7:00 PM
KORTE REC CENTER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call
 - Members Present: Susan Amaro
Joyce Zerban
Linda Montayne
Pam Lecerf
 - Members Absent: Suanne Davendonis (out of town)
Mark Reaka (ill)
Wayne Wirz (conflict)
- Guests:
 - Mark Latham
Peggy Bellm
Lana Hediger
- Presenter: Betty Brennan – President, Taylor Studios, Rantoul, IL
- Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm
- Roll Call and Guest Introductions
- City Manager Comments:
 - Sursee Trail Vision: Create an overall theme for the trail that represents Highland’s history. Design the look/feel of each phase/section to depict that history and/or significance
 - Objective: A premier trail that will be a source of pride to the community, promote tourism, and provide attractive alternate means of transportation/exercise as well as safe and efficient routes to/from schools, parks, and various locations within Highland.

(Note: This is an interpretation of the Sursee Trail Vision and Objectives as it pertains to the design of trail features. It is separate, yet related, to formal/approved vision/goals as stated in Highland’s 20-year plan or the Multi-Use Trail Master Plan.)

 - Involve stakeholders.

- Peggy Bellm recommended there be a more concerted effort to develop cohesiveness of effort among multiple events/groups and the trail (i.e., Highlands 175 Year Jubilee)
 - Commission concurred and will work to ensure there is Parks & Recreation representation at future jubilee planning meetings
- Peggy informed the commission of the web site for the jubilee: highlandcelebrates.com
- Taylor Studios Presentation
 - Betty Brennan, gave the commission an overview of Taylor Studios explaining the history of the studio, some of the various projects they have done and how their project teams develop the plans and execute them to inspire and help bring their customer's visions to reality.
 - Explained various approaches and their value
 - 20 years in business, 5 year warranty on their products, over 300 projects
 - They "create experiences the inspire people"
 - Recommended Highland establish some budget constraints prior to executing a design phase
 - She responded to questions/comments from guests Commission members
 - Taylor Studios would make presentations as part of their services
 - Commission thanked Betty for attending and the presentation
 - Guests departed
- Presentation Discussion
 - No formal motions or votes were intended as a result of this presentation and none were made. However, the commission would like the City to pursue establishing a contract with a design studio, such as Taylor Studios, for the purpose of assisting with design of the Sursee Trail working with community members, city leadership, and stakeholders. Upon receipt of a design recommendation, further negotiations and decisions will be made
- Old Business
 - January Meeting Minutes were Approved as written
- New Business
 - 4th of July: Location secured and events / concessions being finalized
 - Trail ribbon cutting: Recommended this be held in conjunction with completion of Phase I of the trail. Further discussion and motion will be held at next meeting (Open)
 - Iberg Road: Mark Rosen indicated this section of the peripheral route is getting ready to start again. ECD: end of summer
 - P&R Activities and Budget
 - Budget is good/operating in the black
 - Activities going well
 - Arbor Day Event scheduled for April 28th at 330 at the Silver Lake Arboretum

- Mark Rosen made trail presentations to the American Legion and the Highland Civic Women's Club. Both presentations well received.
- Trail Banner Design:
 - Motion made to postpone selection of a trail banner until next meeting and the commission accept two additional submissions; 1 each from Pat Imming and John Emig.
 - Motion seconded and approved
 - Joyce Zerban will inform Pat and John of their obligation and submissions will be available for our July meeting. OPEN

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm
Next meeting scheduled for July 12th, 2011, 7pm, Korte Rec Center.

Suanne Davendonis
Chairman, Parks and Rec Advisory Commission

Susan Amaro
Secretary