

*Parks & Recreation Advisory  
Commission*



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10 April 2012 7:00 PM  
KORTE REC CENTER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.
- Roll Call
  - Members Present: Joyce Zerban  
Linda Montayne  
Sue Davendonis
  
  - Members Absent: Pam Lecerf  
Susan Amaro (excused)  
Wayne Wirz
  
- Minutes of January 2012 Quarterly Meeting were approved
  - Motion: Joyce Zerban Second: Linda Montayne
  
- Sue Davendonis reported that Mark Reaka's position on the Commission has been vacated due to non-attendance in accordance with the by-laws. We are now seeking a replacement; possible candidate: Diane Nagel.
  
- New / Ongoing Business:  
  
Mark Rosen, Director, Parks and Recreation, City of Highland reported:
  - Korte Rec Center operating with a profit; Parks running deficit due to multi-use trail engineering costs
  - Sportsman Trail update: City cost now only \$27.5K as state authorized construction and engineering costs as part of grant eligibility. MEPRD is providing \$8K.
  - Sharpshooter's Trail update: Trail is slated to be on south side of creek and include 2-3 bridges over creek.
  - General Department updates:
    - New restroom at Silver Lake
    - Mowing started 5 weeks ago; trees on peripheral route to be mulched

- Apr 26 @ 3:30 @ Arboretum, Arbor Day celebration; city named Tree City for 23<sup>rd</sup> straight year
  - Cemetery entrance construction/update nearing completion; Taylor Studios continuing signage project for 175<sup>th</sup> Jubilee
  - High school varsity baseball team now using Glik Park as their home field
- PEP Grant: install rip rap at Hunsche Harbor; dock replacement at Silver Lake
  - New filter system installed at outdoor pool; system is portable but housed in temporary building
  - Update to comprehensive plan (5 year outlook):
    - Build addition to Korte Rec Center
    - New outdoor pool on east side of town in Trestle Rd area
    - Build “green” nature center at Silver Lake Park near entrance; dual use as space to rent for functions
    - Concern with water capacity at Silver Lake (1/3 of capacity lost from sediment); look at watershed areas and identify high erosion areas, possibly build ponds
  - Park pavilion reservation fees: Mark will make recommendation to City Council but will have discussion at next meeting to get consensus/answer questions.
  - Young at Heart Program has some successful elements, still seeking improvement. Joyce Zerban will obtain copy of Belleville’s program.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 10 July 2012, 7pm, Korte Rec Center.

Remainder of quarterly scheduled meeting: 9 Oct 2012

Suanne Davendonis  
Chairman, Parks and Rec Advisory Commission

Susan Amaro  
Secretary