

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

**AUGUST 8, 2012**

Members present: Charles Maynard, Larry Dennis, Char Rios, Hilda Grant, Jonathon Brooks, Kim Ries-Ashley and Tiffany Quilter  
 Members absent: Bette Lang and Brian Dano  
 Staff present: Lori Moholt-Phillips, Roland Gonzales and Kerri Fenner  
 Guests present: None

2012 MEETING ATTENDANCE RECORD

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dano, B	X	C	E	X	C	X	C	O				
Brooks, J	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	X				
Dennis, L	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X				
Grant, H	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	X				
Kirwan, B	E	C	E	E	C	R	N/A	N/A				
Quilter, T	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	C	X				
Lang, B	X	C	X	E	C	X	C	E				
Maynard, C	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X				
Ries-Ashley, K	X	C	X	O	C	E	C	X				
Rios, C	X	C	X	X	C	X	C	X				

C=meeting canceled X=present O=absent E=excused R=resigned

### Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dennis at 7:01 p.m.

### Introduction of Guests/Visitors

Mr. Dennis welcomed new Commissioner Tiffany Quilter. He also gave a quick overview of the night’s agenda for those in attendance.

### Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

Ms. Rios moved the minutes of June 13, 2012 be approved as submitted, seconded by Ms. Grant. Unanimously approved and passed.

### Plat Reviews/Dedication, or Fee in Lieu of Land - Monthly Update

Nothing to report.

### Communication/Correspondence

#### *Mr. Gonzales’ Report on Larson Playfield –*

Due to the number of youth sporting events and tournaments we now have, we are considering making Larson Playfield strictly a youth sports complex. The way it is now, the field has to be adjusted between youth and adult sporting events. If we make the field strictly for youth sports, the fence height, lighting and mounds could be set to the required specs for youth sports and then left that way. The adult sporting events could be played at Lauzier Playfield, which better accommodates adult sports. Significant discussion held regarding the changes that would need to be made to Larson Playfield, parking issues at the different fields, and the feasibility of building a new complex. The Commission members agreed that they would support making Larson Playfield a youth sports complex, but they would like to know more about the specific changes that would need to be made and the costs of the changes first. They also agreed that we should start looking into the cost and possible locations for new ball fields or a sports complex. Mr. Gonzales will gather more information and this matter will be revisited.

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Director's Report (given by Ms. Moholt-Phillips and Mr. Gonzales in Mr. Grigg's scheduled absence)

*Surf n' Slide Water Park Fee Review –*

The City Manager has tentatively approved a possible \$1.00 raise in admission prices next year due to some major repairs that will need to be made at the Water Park, including repairs to the flow rider and completely repainting the main pool areas. We will know more at the end of the year regarding the costs of the needed repairs and whether or not the fee increase will be necessary.

*Future Neighborhood Parks –*

The Engineering Department reported to Ms. Moholt-Phillips that we won't make it to Longview Park until 2014 or 2015 because they need to do some updates to the streets, and the entire project will need to be done at once. They also reported that they should be able to start designing Lower Peninsula Park as early as this fall. Construction could then start in the spring of 2013. Mr. Gonzales highlighted the various details of the work that has to go into the different parks projects. Brief discussion held regarding the projects, trails, and sidewalks.

*New Restroom(s) Update –*

Mr. Dano had mentioned at the last meeting that Neppel had a 100-year lease and we should consider it as a possible site for a new restroom. Mr. Grigg spoke with the City Manager and found out that the lease at Neppel is in fact coming up for renewal soon. The City Manager agreed that the best location for the new restroom would be the Blue Heron Park beach. The cost would exceed the amount that was left over for the restroom that was scheduled to be at the amphitheater, so Mr. Grigg is waiting for approval. For now though, the new restroom is still a possibility for 2013.

Ms. Moholt-Phillips' Report

*Movie in the Park and Concert Series –*

The Smurfs is the free movie this weekend and Dave Mason is the headline band.

*New Parents/Tot Play Group –*

We are pursuing a parent/tot play group to be held at the new Learning Center. It should be a nice option in the winter for a place where parents can take their children indoors to play.

*Story Walk –*

The Health District approached us with an idea called Story Walk. We have agreed to partner with them to set up 10 kiosks in the Civic Center Park. An Eagle Scout will be constructing the actual kiosks. The Health District will find local authors of children's books and mount them in the kiosks along with book pages and ideas regarding literacy, nature, the outdoors, and families. It will be a nice tie-in with the library, the museum, and Family Saturdays. The books and information in the kiosks will be rotated on a regular basis.

Mr. Gonzales' Report

Brief discussion held regarding the vehicle accident which occurred at the Community Gardens on Sunday night and the resulting damage and repairs. We are considering expanding the gardens by adding a few more plots.

Adjournment

Ms. Rios moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brooks. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.