

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
JUNE 8, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Chairman Wolf and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call:**

Chairman Earl Wolf, Vice Chair Phillis Chirico, Commissioners Gwen Hulbert, John Pratt, Ryan Sweeder, and Carmen Siciliano. Absent: None.

Also Present: City Clerk Holly Thompson.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Change item 6., 'April 13' to 'May 11', add 'and other updates to item 8a., and add 8c. McCormick Park Hours.

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Sweeder**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**5. Audience Participation:**

Chairman Wolf called for public comment at this time and there was none.

**6. Approval of Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2011:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Chirico**, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2011 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7. Action Items**

**7a. Plans for Grand Opening:**

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Hulbert**, to cancel the July 4<sup>th</sup> date of the Grand Opening with a new date to be determined. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7b. Williamston Recreation Advisory Bylaws:**

Motion by **Sweeder**, second by **Chirico**, to approve the Williamston Recreation Advisory Committee bylaws as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**7c. Williamston Recreation Advisory Council Appointments:**

This will be on the next agenda.

**7d. Concession Stand/Bandshell Form:**

Motion by **Sweeder**, second by **Pratt**, to approve the amendment to the concession stand/bandshell form. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

-Siciliano left at 7:41 p.m.

**7e. Creation of a "Memorial Options" listing:**

Chairman Wolf commented that he would like to see a listing of all the memorial options available for people to purchase such as trees, shrubs, benches, etc. He will work on a listing of the items and pricing for the next meeting.

Commissioner Chirico showed the Commission a tree plan from which they've been working from. She pointed out that many things have changed on the plan. She will contact Tim Kelly of the Williamston Middle School to see if she can get an updated version of the plan.

## **8. Discussion Items**

### **8a. McCormick Park- Water Drainage Update & Other Updates:**

Chairman Wolf stated that the drainage issue has gone away. There is a person doing community service that will be sealing the tree sculptures. The riverbank plantings have been started. There are a tremendous amount of trees in the dammed area that they may try to coordinate removal in the fall.

### **8b. Tree Sculpture Moving Grant Update:**

Chairman Wolf explained that the City Manager is working with Cardinal Fabricating for the metal plates that will need to be installed in the bottom to attach them to concrete pads throughout the park.

### **8c. McCormick Park Hours:**

Clerk Thompson reported that there was a phone call from a citizen who fishes at night for catfish. He would like to continue to do so, but the park closes at 10pm.

The Commission felt that the closing time is to allow the police to be able to remove people causing problems in the park after hours. They did not feel someone fishing in the park is a problem.

## **10. Audience Participation:**

Chairman Wolf called for public comment at this time and there was none.

## **11. Member Comments:**

Commissioner Sweeder stated that he is not going to be available for the August-December meetings and therefore has not reapplied for the Parks Commission.

Commissioner Chirico asked if anyone knows what the Smith's are going to do about the bench and if they are still intending to paint the pavilion. She also stated that her daughter gave \$250 to the bandshell effort and was told at the time her name would be placed on a brick, but it was never done.

Commissioner Hulbert questioned if Commissioners Wolf & Sweeder are gone during the summer, will they have enough for a quorum.

Chairman Wolf questioned if Kiwanis is any closer to getting a volleyball court built in the park.

## **12. Adjournment:**

Chairman Wolf adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

**\*THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:\_\_\_\_\_**  
**Holly M. Thompson, City Clerk**

**Date Approved:\_\_\_\_\_**