

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 2010
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall by Chairman Earl Wolf and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Chairman Earl Wolf, Commissioners Gwen Hulbert, Ryan Sweeder, and Larry Wittrup. Absent: Phillis Chirico, and John Pratt (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Also Present: City Clerk Holly Thompson.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Delete item 7a. and add 7a. Bandshell Policy for Summer 2010.

Motion by **Sweeder**, second by **Hulbert**, 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 March 24, 2010:

Motion by **Hulbert**, second by **Sweeder**, to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 24, 2010 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Action Items

7a. Bandshell Use Policy for Summer 2010:

- Pratt arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioner Hulbert will write a letter to the editor in the Enterprise explaining to people that McCormick Park will be torn up during the summer months. She will also forward this letter to the City Clerk to be placed on the website.

8. Discussion Items

8a. Update of McCormick Park Improvements:

Chairman Wolf went over Progress Report #4 and new timeline from C2AE.

The Commissioners expressed that they would like to reschedule their May meeting to coincide with the bid openings.

The Commission asked that they be included on all correspondence regarding lighting.

The Garden Club is planning to donate \$500 for trees in McCormick Park.

The Boy Scouts want to rehabilitate the old gazebo and move it closer to the river.

The Commissioners discussed making the small north west parking lot handicap parking only.

8b. Update of Sculpture Sealing, Timeline, & Labor:

A first coat of sealant has been applied to all of the wood sculptures.

Commissioner Hulbert stated that she contacted the sculptor of the butterfly sculpture near the playground and was informed that she was no longer going to paint the sculpture.

8c. Update of Bush Removal in Gazebo Area:

The Commission was unaware that the bushes in the gazebo area were being removed. Clerk Thompson stated that she would send the minutes from when the Commission approved the request.

11. Audience Participation:

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

12. Member Comments:

Commissioner Pratt stated that he received calls regarding the opposition to the sand volleyball courts and that Tim Grossman and the Knights of Columbus should not be able to tell the Parks Commission where to put the volleyball courts in the park.

Commissioner Hulbert commented that Kiwanis spoke with the City Manager and Father Clark but did not make other attempts to contact people about the sand volleyball courts. She stated that she believes the issue has already been worked out between everyone and Kiwanis is comfortable and going forward with the project.

Commissioner Wittrup stated that the new Zoning Ordinance has been adopted and is in effect. The Planning Commission will be considering an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for prohibited businesses.

Commissioner Sweeder stated that he is looking forward to the things happening in the park.

Chairman Wolf stated that he visited a new park in downtown East Grand Rapids and was able to walk the paths. He also spoke with someone from the City that stated the path width is 8' feet wide but they are already looking to expand it to 10' feet wide.

13. Adjournment:

Motion by **Pratt**, second by **Wittrup**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 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: _____