

Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Members present:

Mary Gustafson, Jeff Aisen, Joe Zieldorff, Jessica Steinhart, Frank Spencer, Kim Tarnopol

- I. Call to order: 7:33 pm by K. Tarnopol
- II. Approval of Agenda: J. Aisen, J. Zieldorff
- III. Approval of minutes from November 27, 2018: J. Aisen, J. Zieldorff
- IV. Welcome to New Board Members: Frank Spencer and Jessica Steinhart
- V. Ballot Nominations / Election of Officers
 - The Officers for 2019 were elected to unanimous approval:
 - Chair: Jeff Aisen
 - Vice Chair: Kim Tarnopol
 - Secretary: Jessica Steinhart
- VI. Correspondence- None
- VII. Public Participation-

Bree Stocker-Smart attended to discuss her concerns with lottery process used for Latchkey and fruit camp enrollment. She suggested that the lottery process may need to be looked at because it is based on luck versus a logic-based selection process. Mary provided some additional information about how the number of Latchkey participants is capped through the licensing which is based on space. There was additional discussion on the use of Burton. This would have to be discussed with the school staff as it would be separate licensing and a separate program run through the school. There was discussion about other ways of handling enrollment including prioritizing the needs of families who need 5 days of latchkey. This could require those families to committing to pay for and use 5 days versus signing up for 5 days to get the spot. There was also a suggestion to prioritize the registrations based on families who live in the Huntington Woods tax paying section of the city over those who pay Royal Oak taxes. The next steps are to look at the data after the lottery is complete including how many families were unable to register, how many registrations were for the Royal Oak section families, etc. After the data is analyzed the Board will look at potential solutions.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Run/Walk/Boom!!! Donations - Additional assistance is needed with fundraising this year. Board members are asked to secure two sponsors. Suggested fundraising materials were provided, along with a list of past sponsors. The Board also proposed exploring crowdsourcing (ie. GoFundme) as a way to fundraise for the event.
 - b. Room/Park Rental Policy - Policy is being updated to align with the library. Residents will no longer be able to rent the Recreation Center for organizations based outside of Huntington Woods.
 - c. Budget Study Committee Update - Committee has determined that latchkey rates are too low and proposed that new price points be evaluated.
 - d. Master Plan - Current earmarks are in place for Peasley Park and Coolidge/Elgin park. Budget allocations are to be determined for the baseball fields and outdoor fitness equipment/Reynolds Park. The Advisory Board is to provide input on what other parks should be addressed.
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Outdoor Fitness Equipment Committee Report - Equipment is being evaluated for potential installation in Reynolds Park. Accessibility/cement path would be part of the plan.
- X. Department Updates
 - a. MoGo bike station coming to HW
 - b. TCC Health and Wellness Fair on May 5th
 - c. HW awarded Design Award Landscape from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association
 - d. HW is one of three finalists for the Governor's Fitness Award for Active Communities
- XI. Plan of Action for March Meeting - Review current state of parks and provide thoughts on Master Plan
- XII. Board Member comments - None
- XIII. Adjournment - 8:45pm