

**HUNTINGTON WOODS PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES - DRAFT**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022
7:30 pm Gillham Recreation Center – Multi-purpose Room**

Members Present: J. Steinhart, L. Field, F. Haley, K. Tarnopol, J. Aisen, J. Egan, S. Potter

Staff Present: T. Shanley

- I. Call to Order by K. Tarnopol at 7:31pm
- II. Approval of Agenda for October 25, 2022
 - a. J. Steinhart requested for today and moving forward that Public Participation to after Correspondence. Board concurred.
 - b. Motion – J. Egan; Second – J. Steinhart
- III. Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2022
 - a. Motion – J. Egan; Second – J. Aisen
- IV. Correspondence – None
- V. Public Participation - None
- VI. Items of Business
 - a. Introduction of new Student Representative – Francesca Haley
 - b. Election of Board Secretary – J. Egan elected Board Secretary for remained of 2022
 - c. Board Recommendations for HWMC Auction Funding Request – Board recommended four projects for the HWMC auction funding request:
 - i. Pool amenities like furniture and shade
 - ii. Renovations to Elgin park
 - iii. Updates to Burton baseball fields
 - iv. Updates to Val Jones skate park
 - d. Annual Report from Adopt-a-Park Lead – Robert Smeltekop presented an overview of the Arts & Garden Board and the Adopt-a-Garden initiative run by the board. The Adopt-a-Garden initiative is focused on gardens in public parks that are not maintained by the city (ie. Mary Kay Davis Park, Alligator Park, Triangle Park, Statue Park). Board discussed support for winter lights along 11 Mile Road and Community Park Clean Up day. Board discussed overlap of goals for the two boards and recommends that the city create a formal

alignment of the two boards to ensure collaboration. Until formal alignment is finalized, Parks and Rec Board Members will rotate attendance at Arts & Garden Board meetings.

- e. Update on “Donation with a Purpose” Program Launch – Postponed to November meeting

VII. Department Update

- a. Track resurfacing nearly complete
- b. Plans to submit for Michigan DNR Spark Grant to support park updates
- c. Teen Council upcoming events (mitten and glove drive and coffee mug fundraiser)
- d. Hometown Herald to be published soon for January through April programming, will include Fruit Camp information
- e. Meal service vendor for Monday Lunch Bunch has changed and improved resident satisfaction, although cost has increased

VIII. Plan of Action for Next Meeting

- a. Update on “Donation with a Purpose” Program Launch
- b. Introduction of City’s new Community Engagement Officer, Francesco Ferrara
- c. Logistics for Community Park Clean Up Day
- d. Art & Garden Board representative schedule

IX. Board Member Comments

- a. J. Steinhart asked about the poll in the HW news e-blast asking for residents to vote on fireworks or drones for the 4th of July since Tracy had announced at the last meeting that the city had identified a fireworks vendor. Tracy stated that she was unaware of who requested the poll or plans by the City Manager to substitute fireworks with drones. J. Steinhart indicated that the poll should not be seen as a valid tally of resident preferences since the poll allows residents and non-residents to vote an unlimited number of times.

X. Adjournment by K. Tarnopol at 8:43pm