

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**March 14, 2018**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on March 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Haven City Hall Conference Room.

On roll call, the following members were:

Present: Tami Harvey, Chair  
Tonya Christiansen, Co-Chair  
James Toogood

Absent: Nicolette Nees

Also Present: Mike Fritz Mayor Pro-tem; Derek Gajdos, Director of Public Works and Board Liaison

**Minutes**

A motion was made by **Christiansen** and seconded by **Toogood** to approve the P&R Board meeting Minutes for the February 7, 2018 meeting.

**The motion was approved 3-0**

**New Business**

**18-04 YMCA Summer Day Camp**

Request from Meridith Long on behalf of the YMCA has requested to hold their annual Summer Day Camp in Mulligan's Hollow from June 11 through August 24, 2018.  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Toogood** and seconded by **Christensen** to approve the use of the Park for the YMCA Summer Day Camp and remind the YMCA to please refrain attendees and staff from being in or on the dune restoration area.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-05 YMCA Kick Off to Summer Run**

Request from Erica Phelps from the Tri-Cities YMCA to hold the YMCA Klever Innovations Kick Off to Summer Run on May 26, 2018 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Christensen** and seconded by **Toogood** to approve the run as presented.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-06**      **Idema Explorer's Trail** – Proposed Idema Explorers Trail routing and phasing within the City limits was presented for consideration and support.

A motion was made by **Christensen** and seconded by **Toogood** to support the proposed routing and phasing of the Idema Explorers Trail as presented.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-07**      **New World Book Day**  
Request from Natalie Fedewa of Brilliance Publishing to use Central Park on April 22, 2018 to give away free books to the community.  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Christensen** and seconded by **Toogood** to approve the use of the Park for the book give away.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-08**      **Grand Haven Triathlon**  
Request from Ron Knoll of Superior Multisport, LLC to hold the Grand Haven Triathlon on July 8, 2018  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Toogood** and seconded by **Christensen** to approve the use of Mulligan's Hollow for the triathlon.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-09**      **Easter Egg Hunt**  
Request from Coldwell Banker Woodland Schmidt/Lake Michigan Credit Union to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Central Park on Saturday March 31, 2018.  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Christensen** and seconded by **Toogood** to approve the use of the Park for the egg hunt.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-10**      **YMCA Youth Sports Camp**  
Request from David Burdo of the Tri-Cities YMCA to hold their Sports Classes at Mulligan's Hollow beginning April 23 through August 23, 2018  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Toogood** and seconded by **Christensen** to approve the use of Mulligans Hollow for the youth sports camp.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-11**      **Five –Year Parks and Recreation Plan Marina Amendment**

A final draft of the Grand Haven Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan amendment was presented for consideration and support which included specific improvements planned to the Grand Haven Municipal Marina.

A motion was made by **Christensen** and seconded by **Toogood** to approve the proposed Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan amendment as presented.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-12**      **Sands Wedding**

Request from Dennis Sands to have a wedding at the City Beach on Thursday, June 21, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. – noon. They are expecting about 60 guests.  
No conflict at this time.

A motion was made by **Christensen** and seconded by **Toogood** to approve the use of the Park for the wedding.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**18-13**      **Bush Wedding**

Request from Shelby Bush to have a wedding at the City Beach on August 18, 2018 from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. They are expecting about 20 guests.  
There is a wedding scheduled for this date at 6:00 p.m. There should not be a conflict.

A motion was made by **Toogood** and seconded by **Christensen** to approve the use of the Park for the wedding.

**This Motion was approved 3-0**

**General Business**

**Re-Imagine Campaign Update** – Derek Gajdos updated the Board of the progress of the project. The project has received almost 50% funding commitments to date.

**Off-Leash Dog Park Update** – A meeting with Board member Christensen, DPW Director Derek Gajdos and Chief of Police Jeff Hawke was held on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 regarding topics that were discussed at the October 2017 Board meeting. Chief Hawke is looking into the cost, maintenance and operational procedures for adding video cameras to the Off-Leash Dog Park for enforcement of facility rules. The timeline for cost estimates and potential procedures are some time prior to the end of the fiscal year (May or June).

**Skate Park Discussion** – Board member Toogood discussed his concerns of trespassing within the skate park when it is closed and the cleanliness of the park. He applauded city staff for the amount of time and effort put forth to keep the park clean, however, users still disregard signs and trash receptacles. A discussion of potential staffing the park when it was open and the impact that could potentially have was held with no recommendation of logistics or revenue source to fund the labor costs. A meeting with Public Safety Chief Hawke and a DPW representative will be sought to help find solutions to the trespassing and littering issues.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by **Toogood**, seconded by **Christensen**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**This motion was approved 3-0.**