

**PARK BOARD MINUTES
Foster Community Center
November 10, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zoe Ahlstrom; Rick Kibbey, Kimberly Whitfield; Nate Scramlin; Kristi James, Brian Daniels

MEMBERS ABSENT: Erika Poland; Mike Dombrowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Brett Kaschinske, Parks and Recreation Director; Kellie Brown, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: Kaschinske added 517 Magazine article on Board Member Daniels to correspondence.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Scramlin approved the September minutes as submitted; Whitfield approved the October minutes as submitted; Daniels seconded both September and October minutes. 6 yeas; 0 nay

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers

Kaschinske referred to the October minutes noting Zoe Ahlstrom was interested in remaining the Board Chair and Mike Dombrowski was interested in Vice-Chair.

Daniels stated Dombrowski knows the parks and would be a good choice.

Whitfield moved to accept Ahlstrom as Chair and Dombrowski as Vice-Chair; seconded by Daniels 5 yeas; 0 nay

Annual Report

Kaschinske stated he would have the department's annual report done by the next meeting. Dombrowski and Ruddock completed the 2020 Park Board annual report.

The report consolidates what the board did over the last year. Ahlstrom would like to have two people work on the report. She will reach out to Dombrowski; Daniels offered to assist.

Last year's report and 2021 minutes will be sent out to assist.

Ice Rinks

Kaschinske stated there was talk on social media about the rink at City Hall, the placement of the rink and moving it around the city. The rink was sponsored by Our Community Foundation and other sponsors; the rink is designed for the location and is anchored to the plaza. It could be moved to another location, but would look unusual.

Kaschinske asked the board to consider putting funds in the CIP list for another rink located in other areas of the city. A rink that is 3,000 square feet with underlayment is approximately \$125,000. Costs could be reduced if an underlayment is not needed and the boards around the rink could be lower.

The current rink was placed downtown to create an atmosphere with the Christmas tree, music and with security at City Hall. The plaza is not known for recreation and this created a downtown destination.

The rink was put up late last year and this year it was put up before Silver Bells to capture the holidays and for kids on holiday break.

Last year was not a full season, but was able to work through the issues with the wind downtown and the warm weather.

Currently looking as buying skates, two pair in each size, to have on site. The skates that had been at Washington Park were sold; some of the skates stored at Comstock Park are useable.

There are two vendors that have spots on the plaza, but they have not been back since Covid.

Ahlstrom confirmed that there will not be an actual ice rink at Washington Park; Kaschinske confirmed that is correct.

5-Year Plan Goals

Kaschinske stated he would like to review the goals twice a year with the Board. Reviewed goals one and two and objectives. The plan to expand Fulton-Fine-Hunters Ridge Park will not happen at this time; the Lansing School District rescinded their decision to sell the property adjoining the parks.

Ahlstrom inquired about Goal 1, Objective F and connecting across the river; Kaschinske believes we could get an easement from the school district.

Currently working on updating the on-line River Trail map.

Daniels asked for department flyers to post at his gym.

Kaschinske stated will review the other goals next month.

OLD BUSINESS

Ethics Training Video

Kibbey indicated he had not watched the video this year and requested the link.

Park Ordinance (River Trail Speed)

Kaschinske stated Lansing Fire Department did not have record of any pedestrian and bike incidents. River Trail enforcement has not had any ticketing.

Huron Clinton Metroparks has a speed limit of 10 mph, but he has not received the information he requested from Sterling Heights.

Kaschinske stated if the City does anything, it would be what we do and do not allow.

Ahlstrom inquired if Kaschinske had spoken with Friends of Lansing Regional Trail.

UPDATES

Kaschinske stated he attended a Parks Summit in Phoenix and there was a demonstration on disc golf/foot golf and is looking at a course at Sycamore Driving Range.

Columbus Ohio does not put in restrooms, looking at security in the parks, and sensors to indicate when there is movement in a restroom after it closes.

Met with the Moores Pool group to discuss their list versus the consultants. Repairs are still between \$4 and \$5 million dollars. Waiting to hear from committee on how they plan to raise enough funds for the repairs.

Cambridge Pathway will not be done this year. Pilings are sinking in too far.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Kellie Brown, Park Board Secretary
Approved December 8, 2021