

Duncan Park Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2020
City Manager's Conference Room, Grand Haven City Hall
519 Washington Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Roger Cotner.

Commission members:

Present: Commissioners Roger Cotner, Clint Lucas, Georgette Sass, and Aaron van Baal.

Absent: Commissioner Reid Warber (excused)

Others: City Liaison Derek Gajdos, City Council liaison Dennis Scott, and City Council Member Mike Fritz.

Approval of agenda: Sass moved to adopt the Draft February meeting agenda as circulated which Lucas seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- A) Moved by van Baal, seconded by Lucas to Sass to recruit volunteers to remove a remaining population of invasive species garlic mustard from an area in the Park off Duncan Court and reimbursement of her out-of-pocket expenses in an amount not to exceed \$100. After discussion, the motion carried 4-0.
- B) The Commission informally discussed Sass's proposal to solicit sponsor(s) for biodegradable dog waste bags for placement in the Park and deferred action so that Sass and Gajdos could work on a proposal to bring to a future meeting.
- C) The Commission informally discussed a budget for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2021 but took no formal action.
- D) The Commission informally discussed revising its Use Application but took no formal action. The President is to revise and circulate that revision for future action by the Commission.
- E) Lucas moved to approve the Use Application submitted by Tri-Cities Family YMCA for a "Kick Off to Summer Run" on May 23, 2020, between 8:30 am and 10:00 am, which van Baal seconded. The Commission discussed the proposed route, expressing a preference for a route that would take runners through the Park from east to west rather than as proposed west to east. The Commission asked the President to meet with Department of Public Safety to discuss this for future events. A consensus developed against requiring a new route for this event. The Commission also discussed whether a fee should be charged but a consensus developed against doing so for this application. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Minutes:

a. 12/17/2019

Sass moved that the minutes from the 12/17/2019 meeting be approved as circulated, which Lucas seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

President's report:

Cotner informed the Commission of the email he received from Char Seise regarding Park Policy governing other City Parks, fees to be charged, etc., and his response to same.

Cotner also informed the Commission of Gajdos refusal to prepare minutes of our meetings. Cotner informed the Commission that he would try to work out a resolution to provide for formal minutes for the Commission.

Report regarding park maintenance:

Gajdos provided Amy Bessinger's financial report for the Park's finances. Gajdos also reported that the City's trash barrels had been removed from the Park's shed.

Old business:

No action was taken on any old business.

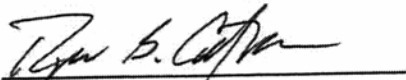
The next scheduled meeting is March 17, 2019 at 7:00p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room.

Cotner adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Cotner
President

These minutes were approved at the Commission meeting held on May 19, 2020.



Roger G. Cotner
President