

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
APRIL 10, 2019
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Earl Wolf and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Chairman Earl Wolf, Vice Chair Teri Nelson, Commissioners Jeff Markstrom, Amie Brown, Kent Hall, and Tammy Scott. Absent: None.

Also present: City Manager Corey Schmidt, City Deputy Clerk Barbara Burke, and Julie Chrisinske with Capital Area District Library Williamston Branch.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add under Discussion Items:

- 8i. Gazebo in Memorial Park
- 8j. Flowers at Wall of Honor
- 8k. Skateboarding in Bandshell

Motion by **Hall**, second by **Markstrom**, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. Audience Participation:

Chairman Wolf called for public comments at this time and there were none.

6. Approval of Parks & Recreation Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2019:

Motion by **Nelson**, second by **Brown**, to approve the Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2019 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

7. Action Items:

8. Discussion Items

8a. CADL Storywalk Idea:

Julie Chrisinske with Capital Area District Library (CADL) Williamston Branch explained that Storywalk encourages families to enjoy reading and the outdoors by posting a children's book at intervals in a park. There are Storywalks in the Lansing area. Storywalk consists of 17 signs on stakes, extending into the ground.

Discussion was held on location, logistics, etc.

Staff will look into the possibility of placing the stakes:

- a. Inside the fence at the wooden playground in McCormick Park
- b. Outside the fence at the wooden playground in McCormick Park

- c. Along the riverbank in McCormick Park
- d. At Volunteers Community Park

8b. FOWP Playground Update:

The tentative dates for installation are July 25-27, 2019. There will be a visioning session with the Friends of Williamston Parks (FOWP), Parks and Recreation Commission members, City staff, and C2AE. Staff will send information as to when this session will take place.

8c. Garden Club Rain Barrel Offer:

Chairman Wolf stated the Garden Club received a free rain barrel and would like to put it in a public place. They inquired if it could be put on the backside of the Putnam Street restrooms to catch rainwater and to water plants. The Garden Club chair should contact City staff to discuss this.

8d. May 11 Workday in McCormick Park:

Chairman Wolf stated the tentative work date in McCormick Park is Saturday, May 11, 2019. There will be a list of tasks that are volunteer friendly.

8e. Church of the Nazarene River Bank Clean-Up:

Chairman Wolf said the Church of the Nazarene offered to clean up the river between the Eagles and Putnam Street via canoes and kayaks.

8f. Townships River Trail Clean-Up:

Williamstown Township will be doing log jam clearing.

8g. Summer Concerts in the Park:

Chairman Wolf shared that 90% of the concerts are paid for and scheduled. Concerts in the park are on Thursday nights. The Williamston Area Senior Center will do the concessions.

8h. City Issues:

Manager Schmidt gave an update on the park pavilion. We have signed and sealed drawings, and now the job must be bid out. He shared that the restrooms in McCormick Park had been vandalized and urges everyone to be diligent and report any issues they may see.

8i. Gazebo in Memorial Park:

Commissioner Hall was looking for direction on the two gazebos that were donated for Memorial Park. A landscape planner should lay out a vision for the park.

8j. Flowers at Wall of Honor:

Commissioner Hall asked if anyone was able to help plant flowers along the sidewalk up to the Wall of Honor. Chairman Wolf told Commissioner Hall to contact the Red Cedar Garden Club.

8k. Skateboarding in Bandshell:

There are young people skateboarding at the bandshell and they are skating off the edge which is wearing down the edge. Manager Schmidt will speak with the police about this. Again, be diligent and report any issues you may see.

10. Staff Reports

None.

11. Audience Participation:

Chairman Wolf called for public comments at this time and there were none.

12. Member Comments:

Commissioner Scott said the next Chamber luncheon is Thursday, April 25, at the Williamston Eagles Club with Edward Jones sponsoring and the Alzheimer's Association speaking. The Chamber has a new website. They have discussed holding activities during a few of the Thursday evening concerts, such as games, car night, etc.

Commissioner Nelson said the Kiwanis are working on their Flags across Williamston project. She has three cans of Kiwanis nuts left for sale. The Kiwanis are holding the craft and home-based business show during Jubilee.

Commissioner Markstrom stated he was not able to provide an update on the last Planning Commission meeting as he was out of town attending a conference.

Commissioner Brown inquired as to holding movies in the park with an inflatable screen and maybe food trucks.

Commissioner Hall said the American Legion would be holding a parade on Memorial Day. He said eight men in this area have received Quilts of Valor. The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts.

Chairman Wolf thanked all for attending tonight's meeting, and is glad we have such a good relationship with CADL.

13. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

***THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF A PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Barbara J. Burke, City Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____