

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2011

Present: Lola Skolnik, Paul Sabol, Kelly Ivy, Marc Siegel, Lester Whitmer, Betty Sonneveldt,
Christopher Husker, Jay Shah
Staff: Greg Varda, Recreation Supervisor
City Council: Leta Mach, City Council Member
Excused: Ken Blue, Elizabeth Hammett
Absent: John Winfrey

- Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Lola Skolnik.
- Leta Mach reported that Mrs. Obama spoke on the “Lets Move Program.”
 - Council will ask all Boards to review their Board charter.
 - Leta responding to a question from Lola, said Council values PRAB’s input when they review Contribution Group applications.
 - Leta will not attend the May PRAB meeting.
- February 16 meeting minutes were approved as presented. 8 – 0.
- Greg handed out council budget work session schedule.
 - Greg handed out email from Ken Blue request from GMSTF. PRAB has already responded with suggestions back to GMSTF. Betty gave responses of PRAB’s response.
- Discussion ensued regarding a recording secretary.
- PRAB reviewed Recognition Group list. No problems were noted with groups that submitted applications. Approved 8 – 0.
 - Recreation Department is still waiting on CHEARS and the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers. No problems were noted by PRAB. Approval pending submissions.
- Contribution Group List
 - Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters - Approved 8 – 0
 - Greenbelt Babe Ruth Association – Approved 8 – 0
 - Greenbelt Baseball – Approved 8 – 0
 - Greenbelt Golden Age Club – Approved 8 – 0
 - Greenbelt Senior Softball – Approved 8 – 0
 - Greenbelt Sity Stars – Approved 8 – 0
 - Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club – PRAB recommends that the Recreation Department work with the Boys & Girls Club to improve their accountability, PRAB has reservations concerning their budget as submitted. PRAB recognizes that they have a new Board that requires mentoring.
- Recreation Department staff has begun a marketing effort to boost participation in Greenbelt summer camp programs.
- Discussion of Contribution Group Background Checks. TLC2 will probably be the recommendation. Greenbelt is charter member of TLC2 estimate to be 50-75 checks per year.
- Ocean City Conference in April – the City of Greenbelt will fund 2 attendees.
- Marc raised question on what City is doing to restore trees around lake.
- The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 7:30pm.
- Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by:
Chris Husker