

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW
RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
HELD AT THE CITY OF SAGINAW CITY HALL
333 W MCCLEROY BOULEVARD
February 07, 2022**

Present at the Meeting:

Chairman	Place No. 5	Brack St. Clair
Vice Chair	Place No. 6	Ronda Nyberg
Member	Place No. 1	Charity Deville
Member	Place No. 2	Janelle Young
Member	Place No. 4	Russell Jolly
Member	Place No. 7	Thomas Weaver
Alternate Member	Alt. No. 1	Kathryn Johnson
Alternate Member	Alt. No. 2	Wayne Giles
Dir. of Public Works/Community Development		Rick Trice
Assistant Public Works/Operations Director		Randy Newsom
Recording Secretary		Susy Victor-Trevino

Absent from the Meeting:

Member	Place No. 3	Brandi Coble
Streets and Parks Manager		Paul Wrzesinski

Visitors at the Meeting:

Eddie Zvalta
Eric Martin
Felix Muniz IV
James Arnold
Katherine Utecht
Kelly Stewart
Laura Presley
Michael Price

The quorum for tonight's meeting consists of Chairman St. Clair, Vice Chairman Nyberg, Members Deville, Young, Jolly, and Alternate Members Johnson and Giles. Chairman St. Clair stated that Alternate Member Johnson would be a voting member at tonight's meeting in the absence of regular members.

(1) Call to Order

Chairman St. Clair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

(2) Audience Participation

Chairman St. Clair explained the procedure to be followed to address the Board.

(3) Discussion and Action Regarding Resurfacing the Tennis Courts at Highland Station Park

Assistant Public Works Director Newsom briefly discussed the conditions of the tennis courts at Highland Station Park, explaining that there is currently no surface. He also shared details on the most affordable quote he received from Buyboard and pointed out that the resurfacing would endure approximately six to eight (6-8) years of use.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Nyberg with a second by Member Jolly to move forward with the contract. Motion carried.

For: Chairman St. Clair, Vice Chairman Nyberg
Members Deville, Young, Jolly, Alternate Member Johnson

Against: None

Absent: Member Coble

(4) Final Update and Discussion Regarding the Parks Master Plan

Director of Public Works Trice briefly discussed the Parks Master Plan and introduced the architect for the project, Laura Presley. Presley gave a presentation regarding the main topics of interest in the Parks Master Plan and answered all questions regarding the Boards' concerns.

During this item, audience participation was made up of the following individuals: Erik Martin, Eddie Zvalta, Michael Price, and James Arnold who were there to represent the Eagle-Mountain Soccer Association (EMSA). The audience participants all shared their concerns regarding the poor quality of the soccer fields and expressed their willingness to help alleviate the costs of the upgrades. EMSA shared that their main requests are to improve the conditions regarding fire ant control and sod. Member Deville asked EMSA whether they were willing to fundraise or pay rental fees and the Association responded by stating they would be very interested in a collaboration. Member Deville asked the Association to return at a later date with more information and a proposal of how much they can assist in funding the renovations.

A motion was made by Member Weaver with a second by Member DeVille to table the item until the next meeting. Motion carried.

For: Chairman St. Clair, Vice Chairman Nyberg
Members Deville, Young, Jolly, Alternate Member Johnson

Against: None

Absent: Member Coble

(5) Discussion Regarding Parks Bond Projects and Funding

Director of Public Works Trice gave a brief overview of the Parks Bond Projects and requested that the group begin to think about what projects they would like to fund.

(6) Update and Discussion Regarding New Restroom Facilities for William Houston Park, Highland Station Park, and the Playground at Willow Creek Station

Assistant Public Works Director Newsom gave a brief overview of the current conditions of the restroom facilities for William Houston Park, Highland Station Park, and the Playground at Willow Creek Station. He advised the group that they consider funding new restroom facilities to replace the old facilities.

(7) Update and Discussion Regarding July 4th Event

Assistant Public Works Director Newsom introduced the Communications Manager, Pedro Zambrano, to discuss the July 4th event. Zambrano shared an update regarding the Board's previous requests and explained how viable each idea was financially. Zambrano said he would have an update for the Board at the next meeting and provide more accurate pricing, but gave a detailed report on the costs of employee overtime for the parade and the evening event. The Recreation and Parks Board decided to not continue with the parade and chose to only continue with the evening event.

(9) Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Nyberg with a second by Member DeVille to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

For: Chairman St. Clair, Vice Chairman Nyberg
Members Deville, Young, Jolly, Alternate Member Johnson

Against: None

Absent: Member Coble

Chairman St. Clair declared the meeting of February 07, 2022 closed at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

Brack St. Clair, Chairman

ATTEST:

Susy Victor-Trevino, Recording Secretary