

City of Inkster

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Last Meeting
July 8, 2021
6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Members present: Ashawanna Butts, Shirley Hankerson, Walter Johnson, James Richardson, Jr., Antonio Wimberly, Khalidah Muhammad and Connie R. Mitchell Excused: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Ashawanna Butts. Prayer was offered by Commissioner/Rev. Antonio Wimberly.

Communications
None

Introductions

Dr. Darrel Greene was presented as Acting Treasurer for the city of Inkster and the Parks and Recreation Department of the city.

Minutes:
None

OLD BUSINESS

- Adopt-A-Park Program
 - Commissioner Wimberly
 - Current adoptions:
 - Lemoyne Park: One Mission Church
 - Tot Lot (Moore at Carlisle): City of Refuge
 - Problems in parks: drinking, gambling, littering
 - Police patrols should be stepped up
 - Rules for parks should be posted at all parks
 - Suggestions for the program:
 - MOU with churches for commitment
 - Need to establish a formal Adopt-A-Park program
 - Other suggestions
 - Create a checklist for park visits by Commissioners
 - Pair up
 - Visit parks
 - Complete by next meeting
- Officers
 - Communication Officers

- Commissioner Muhammad will be taking over as Communication Director. She will handle all social media and related posts.
- Other old business
 - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Bylaws
 - Commissioners have approved bylaws and will present to Council.
 - Director Greene commented that bylaws are “just a piece of paper” and we can follow the rules if we agree on them.
- Recreation Full Opening
 - Director Green stated that the center is undergoing work that includes
 - Doors –new
 - Walking path
 - Outdoor gym
 - Tennis court refurbishing
 - Pool renovations and improvements being funded by the AIA School System.
 - Bidi for renovations have been put out
 - Bids are due by July 23, 2021
 - It will take up to one and one half months for completion.
- Director Needs
 - Director Green e stated that he needs staff and hopefully the positions will be filled within the next two weeks.
 - The building will be cleaned by teens from the Police Department Summer Jobs Program (Police Department Grant)
- Programs for the Rec Center
 - Director Greene stated that programs to be offered will include
 - Drone building
 - Sports broadcasting
 - Basketball tournament with the broadcasting program as the anchor
 - Target date for opening is two (2) weeks.
- Director’s Vision
 - To enhance what we have
 - Focus: Youth
 - Acting
 - Music Production
 - College Readiness
 - BIZ Kids
 - Karate
 - Boxing
 - Sports Management
 - Tennis /OTA
 - Golf
 - Summer program for 2022 will be planned starting now.

- Mike Lee to be assistant Director
 - He was asked how this person would become director as it seemed an automatic decision. Director Greene was reminded that the job should be posted as a position if money for salary and benefits will come out of city coffers.
- Mr. Greene stated that his work as Director of Parks and Recreation is being done Pro Bono.

- Events for Parks and Recreation
 - What? When? Where? How much will it cost? What will the focus be?
 - Each Commissioner was asked to create and chair an event.
- Other New Business
 - Mayor Wimberly wants commissioners to have business cards.
 - Alex Legion is to be prosecuted by the Wayne County Prosecutor.
 - Per Director Greene, the Parks and Recreation department purchased \$20,000.00 worth of football equipment for the Inkster Buccaneers. The money came from the Parks and Recreation budget.

There being no further business before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie R. Mitchell".

Connie R. Mitchell, Recording Secretary (acting)