

**Minutes of the  
City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monthly Meeting  
2025 Middlebelt Rd. Inkster, MI 48141  
February 9, 2023  
6:30p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Ashawanna Butts, Ray Brown, Walter Johnson, Shirley Hankerson, Khalidah Muhammad, Lewanna Abney-Mitchell (arrived at 7pm); Parks and Rec. Director Darryl Greene (present from approximately 7:30-8:00pm)

**ABSENT:** Commissioner James Richardson Jr. (Excused)

**Meeting called to order at 6:33pm by Chair/Commissioner Ashawanna Butts.**

**Meditation/Prayer (moment of silence)**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Commissioners (See attendance above)**

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated
- Motion By: Com. Brown; Seconded By: Com. Johnson
- Motion Carried

**Communications:**

- There is a new sign in sheet at the front desk of the Dozier. EVERYONE who enters the building should sign in.
- Current Programs:
  - Greene League
  - We Rise Program (Mondays and Wednesdays)
    - Note: When running programs, you are to be assigned to 1 area and all perishable items must be removed on the last day of session.
    - Commissioners suggest requiring key access and supervision for the computer lab; copy room should be for staff only.
    - Commissioners concerned about food safety while running programs.
    - Commission will draft a letter to the director of the We Rise Program to address specific concerns.
- Com. Abney-Mitchell report from Wayne/Westlnd School Board:
  - School board president is willing and eager to bridge Inkster & the Wayne/Westland school district.
  - Com. Abney-Mitchell would like to invite them to participate in Inkster programs I.e.: Marching band playing in the Memorial Day Parade; Summer fest.
- This is an election year. Lots of cosmetic work is being done.

- Easter egg drop April 8, 2023
  - Popcorn machine, snow cones
  - Helicopter dropping eggs, candy, marshmallows
  - Invite other commissions and Unity in the Community
- State Rep. Dylan Wegela turned down offer to retire defunct Inkster school debt in exchange for a yes vote on the governors tax bill.

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

- Motion: To approve the minutes of January 12, 2023 as read
- Motion By: Com. Hankerson; Seconded By: Com. Muhammad
- Motion Carried

#### **Old Business:**

- Master Plan has been implemented.
- Review of building updates:
  - Lockers will be painted blue & green (Inkster colors)
  - Stain benches & restore wood surface
  - Gym will be repainted
  - Com. Brown will send receipts from paint job to Chair Butts before next meeting and the commission will present an action item to City Council to request reimbursement.
- It is unclear if the Dozier Recreation Center will be/is a warming center.

#### **Updates from Director Darryl Greene:**

- Director and staff have created a schedule for every room in the rec center and programs will only be allowed access to those rooms during assigned times. Rec center staff will be responsible for supervising.
- Director will be sure to remove all personal paperwork from computer lab/copy room tomorrow (2/10/23).
- \$6,000 was spent to redo gym floor. (Not 100% complete at the time of meeting. Commission requested contract/receipts for work completed)
- Commission requests posted kitchen rules. Reports gas leaking from one of the burners on the stove.
- Spark Grants were denied. Director will follow up to find out why and request constructive feedback.

#### **Budget Review:**

- Budget was sent to all commissioners via email. Will review and plan to have a special budget meeting with the director.
- Motion: to hold a special budget meeting on March 16, 2023 and a planned quarterly budget meeting (March, June, September) going forward.
- Motion by: Com. Abney-Mitchell; Seconded by: Com. Hankerson
- Motion Carried

#### **Yearly Parks and Recreation Commissions Election (Results):**

- Chair: Ashawanna Butts

- Co-Chair: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell
- Financial Liaison: Walter Johnson
- Sargent at Arms: Shirley Hankerson
- Recording Secretary: Khalidah Muhammad
- Community Liaison: Ray Brown

**Parks and Recreation Youth Board:**

- All items tabled until the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

No members of the public present

**There being no further business before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.**

**Upcoming meetings:**

Monthly Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting: March 9, 2023

Special Budget Review Meeting: March 16, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Khalidah Muhammad, Recording Secretary