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2 **PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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4 4:00 p.m. – June 21, 2005

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7 Time: Satarino called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

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9 Place: Council Chamber, Second Floor, 100 North Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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11 INTRO – Welcome to SAMUEL OFFEN, New member of PAC replacing Louis DeLone

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13 **ROLL CALL**

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17 Members Present: Berla, Reneaud, Macomber, Rodgers, Offen, Satarino and Cohen  
18 (arrived at 4:37 p.m.) (7)

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20 Members Absent: Berauer, Rising (2)

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22 Ex-Officio Members Present: Woods, Johnson (2)

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24 Ex-Officio Members Absent: Aeschbach

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26 Staff Present: Henderson, Kuras, Dehring, and Acquaviva

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28 Karla Henderson – Gives a statement to PAC regarding the By-Laws situation. Item has been  
29 referred to the City Attorney’s office.

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31 Satarino – Gave a statement recapping what the reason behind the by-law situation is about.  
32 We had voted at our last meeting to allow the Sub-Committee on the Downtown Greenway issue  
33 to be able to nominate people from the public sector to serve with them – those who had  
34 expertise that would assist the Sub-Committee. When the time came for us to do that, we were  
35 told that the way that our by-laws read were not correct or conflicted with regulations under the  
36 City Charter. There is a general disagreement about what that really means.

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38 Berla – So, we’ve appointed sub-committees out of PAC before, it’s just the question of whether  
39 we can appoint members from the public sector to that.

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41 Satarino - Part of the question is whether we have the ability to ‘install’ anyone into a position.

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44 **PUBLIC COMMENTARY OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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47 **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROS PLAN**

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51 (**MOVED**– Agenda Item 14 here) PETER ALLEN STUDY GROUP FOR MILLAGE SCENARIOS  
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53 Spoke about millage solutions for Ann Arbor parks. Did planning reports on past work done with  
54 the County. Amy Kuras then spoke about the MAP program.

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56 Offen – MAP is a worldwide program – How eager to stay in A2??  
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58 Conversation ensues about everything from Combined millages and regional parks to finances,  
59 general fund, etc.

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62 APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
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65 Approval of minutes – Moved by Macomber, Seconded by Rogers **“To approve the minutes of**  
66 **May 17, 2005 with changes.”** – Vote, Unanimous - Changes – Lines 342, 344 & 401

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72 DRAFT OF PROS PLAN  
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75 Amy did an update on the PROS plan, the public hearings and comment. She asked for  
76 comments from the public regarding this.

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78 Macomber is setting up a working session in July for comments about the PROS plan as well as  
79 the By-Laws discussion.

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81 Rodgers would rather just focus on the PROS plan.

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83 PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER AND CITY FORESTER POSITIONS UPDATE  
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85 It's posted – Job is now closed  
86 The other is Paul Bairley is retiring – he'll come back to train a new person.  
87 Cohen – Wants to recognize Bairley somehow  
88 Karla – Sure..will set something up for the next meeting.

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91 BANDEMER PHASE II UPDATE  
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94 Kuras – Gave brief intro and a presentation with drawings regarding revamping the park.  
95 Expensive to pipe water and sewer there due to easement restrictions from the railroad.

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97 Cohen – Moving the boat ramp?  
98 Kuras – Not doing that now... Dealing with other issues.  
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#### UPDATE FROM GREENWAY SUB-COMMITTEE

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106 .Rodgers – Recapped what happened at the Special Session on June 13 with City Council. PAC  
107 gave its statements and presentation.

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109 Satarino – Linda monopolized the time, the other two of you did not get to speak...  
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#### DOG PARK UPDATE

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116 Jeff Dehring gave a statement – Met with reps at MDEQ (Swift Run Park) to discuss the Joint  
117 dog park issue at the old landfill area. Meeting was quite positive. They will be working with the  
118 county and park planning as to regulations and requirements to protect the cap over the landfill  
119 area. Placement of fencing, how that would be done since you can't penetrate the cap.

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121 Offen – Hopes citizens will take advantage of this and use the dog park instead of the regular  
122 park.

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124 Dehring – Yes, key thing is educating the public.

125 Macomber – Washtenaw county and this area of Michigan are the only ones that don't have a  
126 dog park.

127 Questioned the low usage of parks that was claimed by a speaker at the DDA meeting.

128 Dehring – Possible combined use parks, yes, so that there is an off-leash part of the park.

129 Satarino – Thinks we're jumping ahead....Cost of preparation is a large concern to him. Who will  
130 be doing the construction costs, who'll be doing maintenance. Water and Sewer charges?

131 Karla – unaware what is budgeted.

132 Woods – Glad to see it is moving forward. DEQ is involved because it is a landfill site? Yes

133 Dehring – Waste Facility there is affected.

134 Henderson – Matt Naud has been included with our group too.

135 Woods – Dog lover, not a dog owner. Comment about West Park – Statement about it not being  
136 used as much as it should be.

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#### ENFORCEMENT OF PARK RULES

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142 Satarino – Dogs off leash discussion. We've been very lucky that no one has been hurt. Need  
143 at least partial enforcement. Possibility of the Community Standard division to do that. Looking  
144 for ideas and comments from the commission to see if we need someone to share this with us?

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146 Think about what kinds and types of violations first. Penalty/Fee Structural  
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148 Offen – 2 things as earlier – Issues regarding poop, etc.  
149 Walkers – Dog owners get upset that walkers tell them that they need to have the dog on a  
150 leash. Justification for enforcing these laws. Put in place due to environment and  
151 Macomber – General issue regarding sharing of facilities  
152 Cohen – Thanks for bringing the issue up. Have noticed because of scaled back maintenance...  
153 parks look shabby. When that happens, people feel like they can do anything there.  
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155 Johnson – Met with the Mayor to talk about this ....Enforcement procedures of a park ranger.  
156 Not much leverage to do anything.  
157 Rodgers – What have other communities done? Campaign geared at proper usages.  
158 Woods. New Ad campaign for keeping our parks looking good.  
159 Exchange notes at the next meeting.  
160 Task force survey - ?? Enforcement ???  
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164 **PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES UNIT ADMINISTRATION RELOCATION**

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165 Karla – Passed out the press release – Moving parks reps to Veterans park  
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172 **PARK REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT MILLAGE PROJECT UPDATE**

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175 Jeff Dehring – Pathways, tennis courts resurfaced and an addition of a third court. Time frame is  
176 approx 8 weeks before the job is finished.  
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178 Berla – Any update about the Dixboro bridge and the pathways there? Just got an update today.  
179 Rodgers – Feasibility study? Referred to Amy.  
180 Kuras – Very frustrated. Can't get an answer from the railroad.  
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184 **CITY COUNCIL**

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185 Wendy Woods spoke about the public hearings and people speaking about the greenway on  
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189 **REPORT FROM MANAGER OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

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REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

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None.- Just a reminder the office is moving at the end of the month.

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REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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None. – Rep. Absent

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REPORT FROM THE GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL

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None.

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COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS

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Satarino –

Argo – problems with erosion out there... more power boats. BULLHORNS, rowing teams, coaches. Asked Commission to

**Moved by WOODS, Seconded by OFFEN to go into CLOSED SESSION” at 5:47**

**Moved by Offen, Seconded by Macomber to Adjourn the Meeting.” Meeting Ended at 6:47**  
p.m. – Minutes Submitted by:

Brenda Acquaviva, Administrative Service Specialist IV