



**CITY OF ANN ARBOR – PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Park Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday July 18 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:14: p.m. by Chair J. Satarino.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: (7) J. Satarino, J. Cohen, S. Offen,
C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett

Ex-Officio Members Present (2) R. Johnson, W. Woods

Ex- Officio Members Absent (1) S. Aeschbach

Members Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Staff Present: (5) J. Miller, C. Smith, J. Dehring,
A. Kuras, L. Bowen

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended for the Board to go into closed session.

T. Berla moved, supported by, G. Nystuen for the Board to go into closed session.

On a roll call vote – Unanimous to amend the agenda as stated.

III. Approval of minutes

C. Riseng moved, supported by, J. Cohen to approve the regular minutes of June 20, 2006. The Board approved the minutes unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL USE PARK – DOG PARK

Kurt Fish with the canine social club spoke on the dog park issue. Mr. Fish stated he brought a petition with 551 signatures on it, and that there is a lot of interest regarding this issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY OF AGENDA ITEMS (3 Minutes per Speaker)

None.

A - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A-1 June 20, 2006 Regular Session – Accepted with no corrections

C. Riseng moved, supported by J. Cohen to approve the regular minutes of June 20, 2006. The minutes were approved *unanimously*.

B.- UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 Consider Bandemer/Barton Park railroad underpass

A. Kuras spoke on this issue and explained diagrams to the Board explaining the overview where everything would actually be.

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J. Satarino expressed concerns regarding this issue and with the water levels.

T. Berla spoke on this issue.

S. Offen asked where would the two million dollars for funding come from?

A. Kuras stated she was confident that grants would be given to cover this project.

S. Offen asked A. Kuras if there was money available for this project.

A. Kuras stated there is a new program through MDOT that could possible fund the project.

J. Cohen stated she thinks we should move forward with this project as soon as possible

C. Riseng stated she agreed this project has been looked at for a long time and it is time to move forward.

W. Woods stated she is glad the ideas have been identified to move forward with this issue.

J. Satarino asked if funds would be available when it is needed.

J. Miller stated the Millage would be the place where these funds would come from.

After further discussion;

C. Riseng moved, the Board recommend the City contract along with an engineering firm for the design of an underpass structure with approximate budget of \$203,000.00 supported by T. Berla.

Ayes: (6) J. Cohen, S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett

Nays: (1) J. Satarino

Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Motion granted as stated.

C- NEW BUSINESS

C-1a Millage Ballot Language

J. Miller stated there were changes in the language that the Attorney General’s office advised the City to make. The Board discussed the changes made to this language.

C-1b Memo from Jayne Miller/Resolution

J. Miller stated and explained the language of the resolutions. J. Miller also explained there is criteria laid out regarding maintenance and capital.

J. Cohen expressed concern regarding park security being put in the Millage.

After further discussion;

G. Nystuen moved, to strike the eighth whereas additional park acreage mostly in the form of natural areas has also been added to the Park system supported by D. Barrett

Ayes: (7) J. Cohen, S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Satarino

Nays: (0) None.

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Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Motion granted as stated.

J. Cohen expressed concerns regarding the wording in the resolution.

J. Miller read the language the Board wanted regarding the annual allocation of the funds.

J. Cohen asked if Council will adopt the intent resolution be presented first.

J. Miller stated, when submitting the resolution she will place the intent resolution first.

After further discussion;

G. Nystuen moved, supported by, C. Riseng on the resolution of intent in item #3 in the resolution The Natural Area Preservation program budget be established at a minimum of \$700,00.00 for the first year of the Millage budget and that it receives a minimum of 3% annual increase for each of the subsequent five years of the Millage to enhance the stewardship of increased acreage of natural park areas.

Ayes: (6) S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Satarino

Nays: (1) J. Cohen

Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Motion granted as stated.

After further discussion;

G. Nystuen moved, supported by S. Offen the item under the resolution of intent under the resolved item #2, that the wording be changed and the annual allocation of funds to read, annual allocation for maintenance is to be between 60% and 80% and capital improvements is to be between 20% and 40% with a total allocation being 100%. Replacing the current wording.

Ayes: (7) J. Cohen, S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Satarino

Nays: (0) None.

Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Motion granted as stated.

After further discussion;

T. Berla moved, supported by J. Cohen to accept both resolutions.

Ayes: (7) J. Cohen, S. Offen, C. Riseng, G. Nystuen, T. Berla, D. Barrett, J. Satarino

Nays: (0) None.

Absent: (2) B. Macomber, L. Berauer

Motion granted as stated.

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188 **Project Updates**
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- 190 *Swift Run Park –Jeff Dehring spoke on this issue.
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192 *South Maple Park – Amy Kuras spoke on this issue.
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194 *Brookside Park – Amy Kuras spoke on this issue.
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196 *Greenview Park - Jeff Dehring passed a meeting notice to the Board that will take place 7-26-06.
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198 *Famer’s Market - Jeff Dehring spoke on this request regarding major
199 improvements/modifications to the office space.
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201 Donation/Gift Task Force – T. Berla stated this issue is moving ahead, J/ Cohen also spoke on
202 this issue.
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204 **J. Satarino** expressed concern regarding the amount of tree cutting going on throughout the City.
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206 **D. Borneman** responded to this concern and stated, hopefully a report would be brought to the next
207 meeting.
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209 **C. Smith** mentioned that the County has been a very good partner in the dog park project.
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211 **C. Riseng left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.**
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213 **D- COMMISSION PROPOSED BUSINESS**
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215 D – 1 By-laws Amendment Recommendation – J. Satarino stated there is a suggestion that council
216 members that are attending the PAC meetings be allowed to vote on PAC.
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218 **E - REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION MANAGER**
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220 **E-1** City Council Items Update
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222 **E-2** Park Project Update
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224 **F - REPORT FROM MANAGER OF FIELD OPERATIONS**
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226 **G - REPORT FROM RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**
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228 **H - REPORTS FROM RELEVANT COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND/OR TASK**
229 **FORCES**
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231 **I - PUBLIC COMMENTARY – GENERAL** (3 Minutes per Speaker)
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233 **J - CLOSED SESSION TO DEAL WITH LAND ACQUISITION ISSUES** (If Applicable)
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235 **K - TRANSMITTALS**
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237 **K- 1** Parks and Recreation Events for August 2006
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239 There being no further business to come before the Board, S. Offen moved that the meeting be
240 adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
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244 Respectfully submitted,
245 *Lynn Bowen*
246 Lynn Bowen
247 Administrative Support Specialist V

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