

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
121 N. Church Street, Hudson, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes of March 11, 2024

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by John Kirkland at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Elizabeth Comiskey, Nicole Chase, George Race, John Kirkland, and Roger Clark
Absent: Nikki Cleveland

Others Present: Kris Eschedor, City Manager Charles Weir, and Deputy City Clerk Linda J Cross.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

Motion by John Kirkland, seconded by Roger Clark to **approve to excuse Nikki Cleveland from the meeting**, CARRIED by voice vote.

Minutes:

Motion by John Kirkland, seconded by Elizabeth Comiskey to **approve the minutes of February 19, 2024, and place on file**, CARRIED by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recreation Master Plan:

Kris Eschedor provided the members with the updated Revised Recreation Plan.

Before the City can apply for any grants the Recreation Master Plan must be updated. We missed the February deadline for grants for 2024, and would like to submit the new plan by summer of 2024 for grants for 2025. The results of the survey were discussed, and members provided feed back, along with pictures, of projects that need attention. Each member will prioritize the requests from the survey, and they will be collectively put together at the next meeting.

The following was also discussed:

- The Hudson School would like to get involved with the ball fields at the parks to help maintain the dirt sections. This would allow them to schedule more tournaments and have alternate fields for overflow of games and practices, taking into consideration the youth leagues as well.
- Getting businesses to sponsor a park, or certain items at a park, and post signs giving credit to those that funded it.
- Need community volunteers to help with sprucing up the parks (paint, handrails, etc), and organizing a day for the projects
- The parks need ADA compliant access sidewalks to the events, bleachers, concessions and playgrounds. There are no walkways accessible for wheelchairs to get to these areas.

- Discussion regarding the washout on the trail near the Elementary School

VISITORS BEFORE THE BOARD:

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- REI Global is in the process of getting the Environmental Review with Egle complete for their possible factory in the Industrial Park.
- The City is getting a quote for the crack sealing and seal coating on the trails.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The next meeting will be April 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by John Kirkland, seconded by Roger Clark **to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.**

ATTEST:

Linda J Cross, Deputy City Clerk