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**Business Development Team of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 5 p.m.
Commissioners' Committee Room
Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue
Traverse City, Michigan 49684**

AGENDA

General Meeting Policies: Please turn off all cell phones or switch them to silent mode. Any person may make a video, audio, or other record of this meeting. Standing equipment, cords, or portable microphones must be located to not block audience view. If you need auxiliary assistance, contact 231-922-4780 or TDD 231-922-4412.

Members: Rodetta Harrand (Vice Chair), Rod Kivell (Chair), John Roth, Shirley Zerafa, Alisa Korn (Citizen Member)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Public Comment
Any person shall be permitted to address the Parks and Recreation Commission, which is required to be open to the public under the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended (MCLA 15.261, et.seq.). Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with the following Board Rules and Procedures:
 - Any person wishing to address the Board shall state his or her name and address.
 - No person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same matter, excluding Commissioners' questions. The President shall control the amount of time each person shall be allowed to speak, which shall not exceed three (3) minutes. The President may, at his or her discretion, extend the amount of time any person is allowed to speak.
- V. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
- VI. Approval of Minutes, February 27, 2019 Business Development Team Meeting
- VII. Concessions at Civic Center Park (Director; Discussion)
- VIII. Traverse City Roller Derby's Use of Howe Arena (Director; Discussion)
- IX. February 20, 2019 E-mail from O'Brien Regarding Civic Center Park (E-mail Attached for Reference; Discussion)
- X. Park Updates (Director)
- XI. Second Public Comment (Please refer to rules above.)
- XII. Notices and Team Member Comments
- XIII. Adjournment



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MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
Members Present: Rodetta Harrand (Vice Chair), Rod Kivell (Chair), John Roth, Alisa Korn (Citizen Member)
Members Excused: Shirley Zerafa
Others Present: Kimberly Conaghan, Executive Director, TC Community Garden; Tawny Hammond, Operations Manager, River Outfitters; Rebecca Venticinque, Owner, TRI Again Fitness
Others Present: Kristine Erickson, Director, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation
- IV. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
- V. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
MOTION by Roth, second by Harrand, to approve agenda, as presented.
- VI. Approval of Minutes, December 4, 2018 Business Development Team Meeting
MOTION by Kroupa, second by Roth, to approve minutes of the December 4, 2018 meeting of the Business Development Team.
- VII. Proposal: TRI Again Fitness Wellness Programming at Civic Center (Rebecca Venticinque, TRI Again Fitness)
Owner of TRI Again Fitness made proposal to use former Probate Court Building at the Civic Center, when not in use by Parallel 45 Theatre, to provide triathlon training and other wellness programming. Team members asked questions. Proposal referred to Parks and Recreation Commission.
- VIII. Proposal: Community Garden at the Civic Center (Kimberly Conaghan, Executive Director, TC Community Garden)
TC Community Garden director made proposal to develop a community garden at Civic Center. Commissioners asked questions. Proposal referred to Parks and Recreation Commission.
- IX. Proposal: Amendments to Agreement with River Outfitters/Medalie Park (Tawny Hammond, Operations Manager)
River Outfitters operations manager made proposal to amend current Parks and Recreation-River Outfitters Medalie Park use agreement to include additional services provided by River Outfitters. Commissioners asked questions. Proposal referred to Parks and Recreation Commission.
- X. Second Public Comment (Please refer to rules above.)
There was no public comment.
- XI. Notices and Team Member Comments
Director reminded team that its next meeting will be held on March 5 at 5 p.m., followed by a Rules Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- XII. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Kristine Erickson <kerickson@grandtraverse.org>

Civic center

1 message

Shea M. O'Brien <shea.m.obrien@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 5:41 PM

To: Kristine Erickson <kerickson@grandtraverse.org>

Hi Kristine,

I recently read the ticker article citing many of the improvements being made to the Civic center in the coming months. I love them.

The garden idea is great! Can't wait for that. Also, can't wait to watch some productions by the Parallel group.

I have to plead with you though to not pave over the portion of dirt next to the picnic area though. There has got to be better use of that space. Especially, when you consider that the other parking areas are often vacant or used minimally at most.

I'd really like to see the rest of the fencing removed, no public park should be fenced off, it creates an enlistered look.

Could you maybe put it on the County Parks radar that more and more cars are driving the wrong way down the entrance off Garfield, could the one way be better enforced? It might in the distant future but could the land under the bridge be narrowed to deter driving the wrong way?

I'd really like to see and hear the county voice more about the sowing on the city roads surrounding the civic center as well. I know they aren't maintained by the county but it would be nice if they all stood up for slower speeds and possibly more complete sidewalks in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Lastly, would it be possible to let the grass grow long and plant some local flowers and foliage in some unused areas of the park to promote local bug colonization? This would be great for our declining bee/bug population.

I appreciate all your work!

Thanks,

Shea M. O'Brien