

**CITY OF MANISTEE**  
**PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**  
**REVISED MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**  
**5:15 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Lynne Reinhardt, Mark Tomaszewski, Priscilla Rulison, Ben Kubiak, Wendy Staffeld, Ed Tegler

**Members Excused:** Ron Cowden

**Members Absent:** John Rozga

**Also Present:** Gary Niesen, Kathie Boyle

A meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lynne Reinhardt at 5:15 p.m.

A **MOTION** by Priscilla, **Second** by Ben to adopt the October 21, 2009 minutes and place on file.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**T- Ball Field at Morton Park** - John, Mark and Wendy are looking into a grant for this project. There is a deadline on the grant application, however John was not present to report on status of application. This project is worth investigating and the MRA has reported that there is a need for additional T-ball fields. Mark will contact John to see where we are on the grant application, together with the MRA we may come up with ideas for funding. It was the consensus that we should proceed with Morton Park and the T-ball field as a study. We also expect to hear a report from Rozga in March.

Ben and Priscilla were appointed to look into the project until it becomes feasible or decide if we should put a stop to the T-ball field. Ed would like the MRA to attend a meeting and let us know how many teams, nights they play, etc. At present Morton Park is available for a T-ball park. Ed would like to have the director of the MRA attend our meeting in March 2010. **All in Consensus.**

**Winter Garden Packet** - Lynne gave information on the winter garden which contained the proposal to the DDA, a map of the location and composite of plants that would go into a winter garden. The plants texture, color and berries are very beautiful in the winter time. Gates will be placed in the area this week and Christmas wreaths will be placed on the gates. Commission members should ask family, friends or anyone in the community who would wish to contribute to our garden.

Pictures of the "Butterfly Garden" were passed around to the members, following a very nice article in our local paper on the garden. Garden photos will be matted by Priscilla and placed at City Hall during January 2010.

## NEW BUSINESS

New Logo for the Commission - can we come up with our own logo for the Parks and Beautification Commission, possibly holding a contest for art students in the area. This would need approval from the City Council. No further action is planned at this time.

**Parks are for People Day** - Permission from the City Council is needed to declare a day to collect money for our parks. The funds would go only for projects in our parks. Members would be stationed at various locations throughout the city, would need to call on different locations to see if they would allow our commission and friends to collect for parks or specific projects. The commission would be definitive about which project we choose - will discuss again at a later date. Commissioner's were polled on what month they would like to take on this project:

Wendy	May
Mark	May or June
Ed	Plan around a city festival
Lynne	September
Priscilla	September
Ben	July

- Lynne will check on how to get permission for the fund raiser.

**Bus Tour** - It was unanimously decided to cancel the bus tour next year for economic reasons.

**Garden Party** - Lynne suggested that a mini fund raiser be held, she would volunteer her personal garden to hold the event. Set up approximately 5 or 6 card tables - accommodating about 20 -24 people. Would hold the event some summer evening. Could start out as a small event and grow over time. Committee of Lynne, Ed and Wendy will make recommendations to the Commission in March.

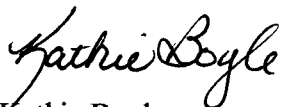
Kathie handed out the signed By-Laws to the members.

Consensus to adjourn.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS**

**REMEMBER : Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. - second floor conference room.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kathie Boyle  
Recording Secretary