

CITY OF MANISTEE
PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2010
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Lynne Reinhardt, Mark Tomaszewski, Priscilla Rulison, Wendy Staffeld, Ed Tegler and John Rozga

Members Excused: Ron Cowden, Ben Kubiak

Also Present: Gary Niesen, Kathie Boyle, Richard Knechtges and Andrew Loura

A meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lynne Reinhardt at 5:15 p.m.

Chairperson Reinhardt introduced Mr. Richard Knechtges who represents the Non-Motorized Commission and National Association of Physical Handicap. Mr. Knechtges discussed projects in the City/County of Manistee. One of his major concerns centered around Rietz Park and the inability of wheelchairs to get through the park area where the sidewalks end in grass. He would like to see the sidewalks repaired and replaced in the park and picnic area. Mr. Knechtges informed the commission of the availability of grants under the ADA, DNRE and the Kellogg Foundation. Chairperson Reinhardt recommended that he begin with Mr. Rose's office before coming to Parks/Beautification Commission and City Council as Mr. Rose applies for grants. Kathie will send Richard a copy of our Five Year Master Plan which includes upcoming projects. Ed Tegler brought up an option to purchase portable sidewalks, such as those that have been installed at both beaches.

A **MOTION** by Ed, **Second** by John to adopt the November 18, 2009 minutes and place on file.

OLD BUSINESS

T- Ball Field at Morton Park - John checked with Jon Rose and Mitch Deisch and was informed that it was too late to apply for any grants. Lynne talked to Vicky Sheffield from the MRA and she will attend our meeting in April, she also talked to Mortons and was told to go ahead and pursue this idea. A sub-committee may be formed to continue additional study. Further discussion and tabled till next month's meeting.

Winter Garden - a sub committee was formed consisting of Lynne, Wendy, Ron and Rick Richert. Ed will assist but not be on the committee. The preliminary work will begin immediately.

Parks are for People Day & Garden Party - wait until we have a cause for any fund raisers.

NEW BUSINESS

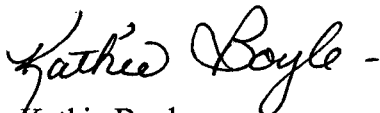
Council Meeting March 16, 2010 - Ed attended council meeting and pointed out that our approved bylaws and Ordinance state that under our **Bylaws Section 11. Duties of the Commission (B)**. "To advise the City Council, City Departments and City Boards and Commissions in identifying, planning and implementing public and private beautification projects. Also Parks and Beautification Committee Ordinance Chapter 289.03 of the Manistee Code of Ordinances states "Review all significant parks improvements projects. Since June nothing has passed the Parks/Beautification Commission table regarding upcoming grant applications. Where does our commission fit in the process. No response was given by council. Commission needs to follow up.

Lynne would like the commission to focus on one or two parks per season before taking on additional responsibilities.

Consensus to adjourn.

REMEMBER : Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. - second floor conference room.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary