

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

**Wednesday, May 19, 2010
5:15 P.M.**

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

Members Excused: Ben Kubiak

Also Present: Gary Niesen, Kathie Boyle, City of Manistee

A meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at Fifth Avenue - site of old NIA Building. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lynne Reinhardt at 5:15 p.m.

A **MOTION** by Priscilla, **Second** by John to adopt the April 21, 2010 minutes and place on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter Garden - Lynne is really pleased with the outcome, wishes to thank Wendy, Jason Thompson and Jack Garber. Ed will put up trellis under the umbrella tree. This garden will continue to develop and should be completed by the end of August. The watering of the garden is now an issue since the City Marina will be closed during the construction of the new building. Jack believed that the marina summer help could assist in the watering. Lynne has set up a watering schedule. When watering for the commission, members please check for vandalism and report to Kathie at the DPW: also pluck weeds and deadhead blossoms when it is your week.

May 23-29	Trudie
May 30-June 5	Lynne
June 6 - 12	Wendy
June 13 - 19	Ed
June 20 - 26	Ron
June 27 - July 3	Mark
July 4 - 10	To be assigned
July 11 - 17	Rick
July 18 - 24	Ed
July 25 - 31	To be assigned

Council Meeting March 16, 2010 - Ed, Lynne and Jack met with the City Manager this morning to discuss the involvement of this Commission on city park projects. The City Manager agreed that we have been lost in the shuffle and he will see that a better effort is made in informing us of any upcoming projects.

Morton Park T-Ball Field - This project has been laid to rest. The commission is not prepared to take on a two - three-year project at this park. Vicki Sheffeld - Director of the MRA was at our April meeting. Alternative fields to check into for the T-Ball games were suggested by Commission members

City Budget - Lynne thanked Ron for his letter to the editor regarding the City Manager's budget recommendations.

First Street Beach Fish Wall - Mark Tomaszewski will be responsible this summer for spray painting the fish and inspecting for repair every week. If Mark notices any fish in need of fixing, he is to contact Kathie at the DPW.

NEW BUSINESS

Fifth Avenue - The reason for tonight's meeting being held at the site of the old NIA Building is due to the fact that only one meeting remains before the new fiscal year begins, and we need to be looking at a new project to adopt. This was once a lovely area for picnics and observe Lake Michigan. Ed volunteered to looking into the rock wall to see if there is an historical background.

July Elections - At our July meeting officers will be elected for the upcoming year. At that time, we will discuss our goals for the next year and what project(s) to pursue.

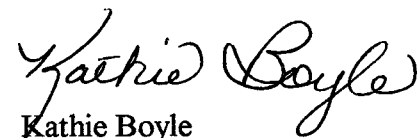
M 55 Property - The designated use for this property is for recreational needs only. John delivered a letter written by the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee Chair Christa Johnson to our Chair Lynne. John explained that the committee is looking to develop this area with biking, nature, cross country and walking trails. John has discussed this project with Mr. Postma and the local Boy Scouts will assist in the development of the trails, possibly as an Eagle Scout project. The Parks and Beautification Commission support the Non-Motorized Transportation and the Boy Scouts in their drive for a Gold Promoting Active Community (PAC) with the exception that it not cost the commission any money. A letter of support will be sent to Chair Johnson.

A walking tour around concluded the meeting.

Consensus to adjourn.

REMEMBER : Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 5:15 p.m. - This meeting (weather permitting - if raining will be in our usual conference room) will be held at **First Street Beach Rotary Gazebo.**

Respectfully submitted,


Kathie Boyle
Recording Secretary

Enc: Agenda of May 19th Meeting w/notes