

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

**Wednesday, September 16, 2009  
5:15 P.M.**

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

**Members Excused:** Ben Kubiak

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

A meeting of the Manistee Parks and Beautification Commission was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Priscilla Rulison at 5:15 p.m.

A **Consensus** was made by the Commission to adopt the August 19, 2009 minutes (with corrections) and place on file. Correction to August 19<sup>th</sup> minutes should read: Fifth Avenue - **North** of Coast Guard Station.

**PARKS BUDGET**

Parks Department and Boards and Commission budgets were reviewed by the Commission. Discussion followed by members with questions directed and answered to his best knowledge by Gary Niesen. Certain budget items were discussed in particular - including a membership to the National Parks & Recreation Association (NPRA)- this membership provides us with a monthly magazine and access to their website. It is a very informative association. Kathie will bring magazine(s) and membership number to access website to next meeting.

Commission believes they should be able to call Jason Thompson with questions they may have and any help we may need. Kathie will bring Jason's contract to next meeting. Lynne would like to see a certain money amount allocated to allow small purchases at Jackpine for printing and necessary supplies. Lynne and Ed will meet with the City Manager or Financial Director with questions regarding Jason Thompson's Contract.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

At our July 15, 2009 meeting the commission discussed a meandering walkway from the boat dock facilities at the City Marina up to the Butterfly Garden and adding additional flowers and butterfly sculptures. Lynne met with the City Manager who then contacted Abonmarche to do a rough sketch of the area. At this time cost could run around \$18,000 - this is just a preliminary design and will not be considered at this time. Commission labeling this issue for the time being and reconsider in the spring.

## OLD BUSINESS

Wendy brought in a copy of the lease agreement from 1994 between the City of Manistee and Morton International. The lease is for fifty years at \$1.00 per year to be paid by the City. The City will keep the area as long as it stays a park. Any changes in plans or developments must be notified to Morton of any plans. We may develop the area as long as it stays a park - this would include a T-ball field or other plans that include leaving the park as a neighborhood park. Lease agreement to review was requested by Lynne, Ed and John to be read. Lynne will read first and Kathie will pass along to John after returned from John, Kathie will pass along to Ed.

## BYLAWS

At the City of Manistee Council meeting on September 15, 2009 the proposed newly created bylaws were presented to Council for approval. After review of the bylaws - City Council made a recommendation to include in Section 10 under amendments to add the following: These rules may be amended by the Commission \* **subject to approval by City Council**". \* After discussion with members consensus does not agree with council's additional wording. Lynne will meet with the City Clerk to get other copies of commission bylaws - especially the Planning Commission's to see if this wording is in their bylaws.

Shuffleboard Equipment has been stored down below in the Marina Building - will work on signage next spring.

Report to Council is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009 - all members are invited and encourages to attend - if there are issues you would like Lynne to bring up or wish her to speak about, please let her know

## NEW BUSINESS

The Beautification Commission has been members of an organization called "Keep Michigan Beautiful", Lynne would like us to stay members - the cost is \$25.00 per year. All in consensus. Will forward information to the City Clerk for payment

Kathie distributed the meeting dates of the Commission - dates begin in September, 2009 and run through June, 2010. With the exception of no meeting during the months of December, January, and February unless requested by a member. Meeting dates were also forwarded to the City Clerk for their records. Wendy will get with the News Advocate to put the meeting dates in Calendar of Area Events.

A consensus to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

***Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. - in the second floor conference room.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathie Boyle  
Recording Secretary