CITY OF BIG RAPIDS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD APPROVED MINUTES August 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Caryn Schonert at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Caryn Schonert, Megan Eppley, Deb Chipman, Jason Kostecki,

Stacy Pedigo

Absent: Richard Spedowske, Karen Simmon, Mark Brejcha

Other: Mark Gifford, Public Works Director

Heather Bowman, Park & Recreation Director

MINUTES:

Motion by Caryn Schonert, seconded by Jason Kostecki to approve the July 21, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Playscape:

Heather spoke on the status of Playscape as a representative from Leathers was here and did an inspection. Leathers is the original design company for this structure. We should receive their final report in the near future. Heather will update the members once the report is received.

There is a Trust Fund for Playscape that was established by the Friends of Playscape back when it was constructed. Leslie Daniels and Roger Schneidt are the only remaining members that are involved. Leslie is the only member approved to handle the money that is in the account. There needs to be at least another individual added to this account in the near future.

Community Pool:

Mark spoke on the current status of the marcite job at the pool. Pat obtained 2 bids from for remarciting the shallow end only. The bid received from B & B Pools was accepted by the City Commission and the work will start tomorrow. Pat should be at the next meeting to give an update.

Heather spoke on next year's schedule which indicates a rate increase across the board except for the gate fee.

Motion by Deb Chipman, seconded by Stacey Pedigo to approve the rate increase and schedule for the 2017 Community Pool season as printed. Motion passed.

Disc Golf:

Heather updated the Board on the status of the Disc Golf course at Northend Riverside Park. The 2nd 18-hole course has been finished as originally planned.

Win Kellum:

The Board was updated on the progress at Win Kellum. Heather spoke on her discussion with Alex Manga. He is still working on his plan to have the dugouts put into the ground. There was some vandalism done to the bricks for the dugouts that are stored at the field. The bricks have since been moved to behind the fencing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Holland Park:

Mark spoke on the dedication that was held on August 6th and the Blue Star By-way dedication held on the 10th.

Some finishing touches are needed at the park.

Mitchell Creek:

The Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 30th at 11 am. All members are invited to attend. The pavilion is still needing some finishing touches before the ceremony.

A few trees have been removed for security cameras to be installed.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Copies of current and upcoming Special Events are included in the Board packets.

STAFF REPORTS: Recreation

Still working on getting a mother/son event. The last Car Cruise event is this Friday.

There is a possibility that the "Back to Bricks" event will be held here next June. This is a very large car show event, 300 to 500 cars. Connie from the Convention and Visitors Bureau is steering this project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/BUSINESS:

None.

UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:

Caryn Schonert will be absent for the September, October and November meetings due to classes that she is attending.

Deb Chipman updated everyone on the status of the Middle School gym renovations. It is coming along and will be ready by the time school is back in session.

Rosemary Jennings was in attendance and spoke on the Community Pool. She asked if there were any grants out there that could be applied for to assist in the work that needs to

be done on the remarciting of the pool. Heather stated that generally there are no grants for this type of facility.

The next meeting of the Park and Recreation Board will be September 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the City Commission Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Weipert