THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BERKLEY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7 PM THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019, AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Attendance: Greg Patterson, Gary Polk, Mike Kerby, Betty Smith, John Nicolai, Joshua Pollard  
City Council Member: Bridget Dean  
Absent: Jes Alger  
Parks and Recreation: Theresa McArleton

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Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Betty Smith and seconded by Josh Pollard  
Approval of prior minutes: Motioned by Gary Polk and Seconded by John Nicolai

Public Comments: Adrian from Friends of Parks and Rec: They will be holding a fundraiser at the Art Bash this year selling little library raffle tickets. They are also co-sponsoring Royal Oak orchestra in the arena parking lot June 19 at 7 PM. The Friends of Park and Rec are also planning on setting up a game loaning section in the senor annex. There will be a self where games can be borrowed and returned. Sue Citiraro stated a block ambassador program is being developed and the latest draft of public participation plan is being reviewed at the next CEAC meeting.

Matter of Program Update:  
The spring Buzz is out and has a list of all programs coming. Senior chair yoga and enhanced fitness have been a huge success. Many of the senior trips have been sold out, and the full line up can be found in the Buzz. A full listing of events can be found in the Berkley Buzz. Women’s softball and the co-ed teams are forming. Spring camp was a sell-out and summer camp is currently on pace to be a record year. Scott and staff are currently looking to hire and train new staff to help with summer camp. Andy McIntyre will be missed as a camp director this year. The community garage sale will be June 21 and 22.

Matter of budget Update:  
The proposed budget was discussed with the city manager. Next month the budget will be discussed with City Council. There have been talks about the ice arena demolition
but no start date has been given yet. Staff will continue to update the board when this information becomes available. The final budget will be voted on in May by City Council.

**Oxford/Merchant Park Update:**
Still waiting for National Parks to give final approval, anticipated to be in Spring of 2020 for a start date. The bid was discussed with city staff and to save cost and time, the bid will go out as one bid for all updates, instead of several separate bids. This will ensure consistency in work, reduce cost, and will give city staff more oversite of one contractor.

**Matter of Summerfest 2019:**
Many exciting events coming this year for Summer Fest, kick off will be June 13 at Jaycee Park with the senior picnic. The Buzz has a complete list of events for all ages. Information can also be found on the Berkley Parks and Rec website.

**Comments:**
Bridget D.: City Council would like to hear from all residents regarding city issues she is working on engaging more citizens. She states she and council member Gavin recently talked with the Women’s Axillary at the Berkley Legion, the group was appreciative of all the work that city staff has been doing for them, including the parks and rec staff. Mayor Terbrack is forming an ad hoc committee to address the community center.
Mike K.: Appreciates all that the staff is doing for Berkley. He is hopeful the budget will pass since parks and rec needs new equipment since some are currently outdated or broken.
Theresa M.: There are current openings for summer camp staff. There is a new recently hired part-time lawn maintenance member. Oakland County will be replacing 12 Mile Road this summer, which will have an impact on Dream Cruise, the committee is working on the details still. There is a health fair on May 5th from 1-4 in Huntington Woods.
Greg P.: Would like to thank the staff for all the dedication and hard work, they do a great job with the resources they have. Thanked the Friends group for their fundraiser and involvement.
Gary P.: Was glad the meeting was positive. Thanked the staff for their dedication to the citizens.
Betty S.: Happy to see all that is going on and is excited about spring and summer events.
Josh P.: Is excited to see the new and updated equipment being put in the parks. Mentioned a website Berkley FreeCycle that is used to trade things within the community, stated is a good way to meet neighbors.
John N.: Great year and is also excited to see the new and updated equipment going into the parks. Thanked the staff for all their work and dedication to the community.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 8:04 PM Motioned by Greg Patterson and seconded by Gary Polk