

**FREMONT AREA  
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2006  
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Chair Jeannie Caris.

**Park & Recreation Members Present:** Jeannie Caris, Rhondi Davis, Todd Blake, David Byrne, Marian Oosterhouse, Bryan Kolk and Linda Blais

**Public Present:** Roger Tuuk

**Approval of Agenda**

Jeannie Caris requested officer appointments be added to the agenda. Motion by David Byrne, seconded by Linda Blais to approve the meeting agenda as amended; motion approved.

**Appointment of Committee Chair & Vice Chair**

Motion by Jeannie Caris, seconded by David Byrne to appoint Rhondi Davis as Chair and Todd Blake as Vice Chair/Secretary; motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by David Byrne, seconded by Marian Oosterhouse to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2006; motion approved.

**Town & Country Path**

Roger Tuuk reported there is currently an estimated \$310,009 available for construction of additional phases of the Town & Country Path. He also reported there is an additional \$12,290 available in matching funds from the Foundation's recent grant, for an additional total of \$24,580.

Todd Blake reported revising and submitting a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant request for \$100,000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation along with their participation in the extension of the Path through the new Super Wal-Mart property, so as to connect with the northern section of Phase 1a at Pathfinder Elementary School.

Todd also summarized the agreed upon route changes to the overall T&C Path Map. He also noted the City selected Nordlund & Associates as the engineer for the next construction phase.

David Byrne suggested the phases be renamed to 1, 2, 3 & 4, as appose to 1a, 1b, 1c & 2. The committee agreed it would be less confusing and seem more productive with higher phase #'s.

Jeannie Caris announced she and Todd will give an update on route changes and funding to the Fremont Rotary Club on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Indoor/Outdoor Recreation Facility**

David Byrne submitted a recommendation from the recreation facility sub-committee, which entailed working with the recently formed Newaygo Area Recreation Authority toward the establishment of an indoor/outdoor recreation facility. Dave noted the City did not approve the committees recommendation for a feasibility study for said facility, be done at this time. The City Council recommended a feasibility study be done under the direction of a "Fremont Area Recreation Authority."

**Old Business**

Rhondi Davis reported the \$25,000 grant request submitted to the State for establishment of an authority was denied. Rhondi recommended each entity appoint an alternate member with voting rights on the committee, in the absence of a regular member. The Committee agreed this would be beneficial.

**Next Committee Meeting**

The next meeting for the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee was set for Monday, May 22, 2006.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Todd M. Blake  
City Clerk/Finance Director