

**Minutes of the  
City of Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission  
Monthly Meeting  
2025 Middlebelt Rd. Inkster, MI 48141  
June 13, 2023  
6:30p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Ashawanna Butts, Khalidah Muhammad, Walter Johnson, Raymond Rapley, James Richardson Jr., Shirley Hankerson, (arrived at 6:50pm), LeWanna Abney-Mitchell (arrived at 6:55pm); Parks and Recreation Director Darryl Greene; Guests: Mr. Ray Brown

**Excused:** Commissioner James Richardsdson Jr.

**Call to Order 6:38pm**

**Meditation/Prayer**

**Roll Call of Commissioners**

**Brief Introduction for New Commissioner Raymond Rapley:**

- Any concerns should be taken to Chair Butts or your council member who will take it to the proper channels.
- Commissioners are tie breakers at rev sponsored sorts events
- Main job is to review the budget w/ the director to ensure that our millage is properly allocated. 10% = programming; \$100,000 goes to seniors.
- Work with community and assist with major events held at the rec center.
- Communications from the community members in our respective districts are taken to the administration.
- Fiscal year starts July 1st every year so the budget must be approved before then.
- District 5 is open (no commissioner)

**Approval of Agenda**

- Motion Com. Muhammad, 2nd Com. Rapley

**Communications:**

• **Com. Butts:**

- Summerfest is this weekend July 14th to 16th. Lots of activities, including glow party for children.
- Primary elections in August. Only district 6 is voting.

• **Hearts That Care Summer Camp update (Mr. Ray Brown):**

- Approximately 75 children
- Went to Romulus today.
- Meet Up & Eat Up program meals are not adequate.
- Yoga on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Greene League is coming back in the next week or so.
- DIA gave 60 tickets; transportation is needed for July 27th.

- Com. Muhammad suggested looking into the Get Out & Play Grant offered by Metropark's.
- Com. Abney-Mitchell suggested asking DIA if they provide transportation.
- Com. Butts Suggested making the summer camp and official Parks & Rec program.
- Mr. Ray Brown invites commissioners to come and observe, support and speak to the students.

#### **Minutes of the last meeting:**

- Mr. Ray Brown states there is still an issue and he hasn't received any official communication stating that he was being removed from the board. He was frustrated.
- Com. Butts. Clarified that Mr. Brown is no longer on the board and she will work to ensure that he gets that in writing.
- Motion to approve minutes of the last meeting *w/ corrections: Lewanna Abney-Mitchelle should be spelled LeWanna Abney-Mitchell.* Com. Abney Mitchell; 2nd Com. Hankerson

#### **Budget Review:**

- Director Greene read over each line item in the budget. Offers a note that Parks & Recreation is a department and a fund. Commissioners asked to hold questions and comments to the end.
- Email was sent during meeting to request itemized information for "donations"
- Detroit Wayne Mental Health Grant was not received as it was stated that the Police Department usually applies for. And receives that grant to offer summer jobs for youth throughout the city.
- Membership: commissioners had questions as to what membership is currently offered and the cost. Director Greene stated that we need to get the rec up to par before charging a monthly or annual membership fee. Hopes the commission can assist with formulating a future membership package and fee schedule.
- When asked about programming budget and no official rec programs operating currently, Director Greene stated that it is the commissions responsibility to work with staff to help develop programs for the rec center.

#### **Announcements**

- Video production program was scheduled to start on 7/10-7/21. It will be postponed because the facilitator's mother had a stroke.
- Backpack giveaway will be August 26th at the rec center. Contact Lady Mabel to assist.

#### **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Khalidah Muhammad, Recording Secretary