

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR SHORES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
August 10, 2023**

PRESENT:

John Jonassen
Lillian Bate
Doug Damm
Christine Harris
Brian Loridon

ABSENT:

Henry Bowman
April Heier
Gerrit Ketelhut
Shawn Nicholson
Mayor Walby

ALSO PRESENT:

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ayla Klein

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING JULY 13, 2023

Motion by Ms. Bate, seconded by Mrs. Harris to approve the July 13, 2023 meeting minutes

AYES: All
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Heier, Ketelhut, Nicholson, Mayor Walby

DIRECTORS REPORT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jonassen said that at Wahby Park in the circle area where the bands play, there are metal plates that cover up water or electrical that is a tripping hazard and need to be fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Loridon said the largest baseball tournament was at Kyte Monroe Wednesday through Sunday. The bathrooms were not open at 8 a.m. when they got there, and we still don't have a card reader for people to make purchases with credit cards. He suggested that the concession area needs to be updated.

There was discussion about moving and updating the concession area.

Mr. Jonassen agreed that the bathrooms need to be open and concessions needs to accept credit cards.

Mr. Loridon said that the concessions was a big improvement this year compared to last year. He didn't hear that items weren't in stock or that items ran out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Athletics – Programs, Facilities, Group

Soccer – Christine Harris

Mrs. Harris said that she is no longer with the soccer. She is still a liaison for now. She said the numbers are at 334.

Baseball – John Jonassen and Brian Loridon

Mr. Jonassen started the discussion of USA being the governing body and they have to follow all the rules. He said the numbers are down.

Mr. Loridon said he left Lac Ste Clair. He has stepped down as Vice President. He said the numbers are good and the second season will start at the end of this month.

Co-ed and Women's Softball – Lillian Bate

Ms. Bate said the coeds got rained out Sunday. She mentioned again that they need 2 benches behind the backstop.

Mr. Jonassen agreed and said that it is necessary to have the benches behind the backstops.

Mr. Loridon asked if anyone knows why we took the fencing down and left the gate.

Mr. Jonassen said the fence needed to be replaced. He said the Mayor said it looks better with the fence down now.

Horseshoe Club – Lillian Bate

Ms. Bate said they are having their state tournament on the 22nd. They would like to have picnic tables there. She said they asked for gravel in the driveway. She said it still hasn't been put there.

Hockey and Figure Skating – Shawn Nicholson

Lakefront Parks & Aquatics Facilities

Lac Sainte Claire Harbor, Pool, Aquatics – Doug Damm, Chairman

Blossom Heath Park and Wahby Park – Lillian Bate

Ms. Bate said Blossom Heath Park is beautiful.

Veteran's Memorial Park – Christine Harris

Mrs. Harris said Veteran's Memorial Park looked amazing even after the event that was there. The exercise equipment looks good. There are goose droppings everywhere, but mostly on the walking path on the area past the 2 pavilions and by the beach.

Neighborhood parks – April Heier

Recreation and Instruction Programs

Senior Liaison – Lil Bate

Ms. Bate talked about the Master Plan Meeting that was held. Matt was asking about Carole Kline, so she brought in a picture of her and Carole Kline when they were golfing.

Special Needs Program

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Jonassen announced that Gerrit resigned because he moved out of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Harris, seconded by Mr. Lorida to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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