

# DEARBORN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEARBORN PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**MAY 7, 2025**

Meeting was conducted in-person only at FCPAC

**PRESENT:** Abousaleh; Al-Jabiri; Aljahmi; Durant; Fidama; Hartley; Kourani; Murray; Platz; Sczomak; Seidel; Smith; Woodyard

**EXCUSED:** Abousaleh; Brady-Medley; Gomolak; McLogan; Ruselowski; Siciliano; Siwik

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sean Fletcher, Director, Parks and Recreation.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Murray at 705pm.

A motion to approve the March and April minutes was made by Woodyard; seconded by Seidel. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Platz, seconded by Fidama. Motion carried.

Chair Murray introduced new Commissioner Hassan Kourani.

Commissioner Aljahmi noted that there will be a meet and greet at Hemlock Park on June 24<sup>th</sup> and he encouraged all commissioners to attend.

Chair Murray congratulated Commissioner Woodyard on behalf of the Commission as the gallery at the Centennial Library was named in her honor.

Chair Murray and various Commissioners commented on how well the Mayor's Arts Awards went.

### **Director's Report**

The neighborhood pool renovations are on track. Director Fletcher made special note of the efforts of Aquatics Supervisor Teddy Shaskos.

An inclusive playground is being constructed at Lapeer Park.

Ribbon cutting at the Inclusive Playground at Ford Woods took place last week.

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When the Inclusive Playgrounds are completed, all Dearborn residents will be within ten minutes of an Inclusive Playground.

There is already \$30,000 in revenue from renting the new Green Tents.

Legacy Day at Camp Dearborn on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Hoping to find Legacy members who will be supporters of the Camp.

The Chalet will be open on Legacy Day. The transformation is amazing.

New picnic tables should be deployed in the Fall.

The first comfort station has been renovated at Camp Dearborn and looks great.

Mystic Creek is off to a great start. Dearborn Hills having slower start.

Birdie's Restaurant is doing very well.

Neighborhood pools will be opening mid-June.

There was a question regarding pickleball leagues. It is hoped that leagues will develop organically.

Chair Murray complimented Assistant Director Golich on his prompt action in getting a net on a tennis court at Levagood Park.

Question regarding outdoor volleyball court at Argyle Park. No plans to construct a court as yet. Director Fletcher will check with Jon Golich regarding the status of the court. It was noted that volleyball is having a great turnout at Levagood Park.

The budget meeting went very well.

Looking for qualified life guards.

Commissioners Seidel and Woodyard presented a check for \$2500 on behalf of the Dearborn Community Fund for Dearborn Baseball.

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## **Cultural Arts**

Commissioners Woodyards and Seidel noted that the Mayor's Arts Awards were very well attended and very well received.

There was a question regarding enrollment for the summer programs. Data still coming in but it looks like the Youth Theatre is doing very well.

The Butterfly Garden dedication will be in June. The Dearborn Community Fund assisted in the funding, along Judy Patrick.

The mural project will probably take place on the Warren Avenue Corridor.

Only 15 surveys were returned regarding mural suggestions. The deadline has been extended.

Being no further business, Chair Murray closed the meeting at 750pm

**THE NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION WILL BE June 4, 2025 AT FCPAC AT 7PM.**

**IMPORTANT DATES: NO MEETING in JULY and DECEMBER**