

**CITY OF NEW BUFFALO
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Board was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Howe.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Nora Howe, Chuck Krametbauer, Tami Webb, Rachel Weber, Tom Evans, Jennifer Parello, Linda Henderson

MINUTES REVIEW

Motion made by Chair Howe and seconded by Chuck Krametbauer to approve the minutes from December 10, 2012. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed planting arborvitaes along the fence line at Oselka Park along with dune grass and other types of plants. They are going to have member, Jennifer Parello look into different options. The board discussed the Skate Park and whether or not they should recommend to the City Council to keep that property or exchange it with the School for another piece of property adjacent to Oselka Park.

Motion by Jennifer Parello and seconded by Tom Evans to recommend to the City Council to transfer the Skate Park property back to New Buffalo Schools in exchange for another piece of property abutting Oselka Park.

Roll Call –

Chair Nora Howe – nay

Tom Evans – yea

Jennifer Parello – nay

Rachel Weber – yea

Chuck Krametbauer – nay

Linda Henderson – nay

Tami Webb – nay

Motion failed.

The board further discussed the Skate Park property and decided to revisit this topic sometime before July after more information is gathered to make a decision on a recommendation to the City Council.

Motion by Tami Webb and seconded by Linda Henderson, unanimously recommending to the City Council the colors for the DuMor benches at Oselka Park should be cedar color plastic bench seats with blue metal sides. All in favor, motion carried.

The board discussed having a five member board with two alternates or keeping a seven member board. They encouraged trying to get an alternate Park Board member to fill the vacant position and keep the seven member board as is.

Motion by Rachel Weber and seconded by Chair Howe to recommend to the City Council to go forward with the Lake Michigan Water Trail and Marquette Greenway Trail in accepting the resolution as prepared by Ryan Fellows. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board discussed the benches at the beach need to be painted and there is another bench at the dog park that needs to be repaired. They suggested putting woodchips by the gate at the dog park to help alleviate some of the mud. The board thanked Park and Recreation Facility Director, Robin Abshire for all she has done thus far. New budget numbers are going to be coming out soon and talked about extending the boardwalk further toward the water.

Motion by Chair Howe and seconded by Tami Webb to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Allyson Holm, Recording Secretary.