John Meehan, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at 851 S. Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ross Kaplan, Ryan Ross, Therese Longe (arrived @ 6:35pm), John Meehan, Art Stevens, Bill Wiebrecht and Hannah Gould, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dominick Pulis

ADMINISTRATION: Lauren Wood, Director of DPS and Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator

GUESTS: Larry Bertollini, Patricia Bordman, Dorothy Conrad, Cindy Rose

It was moved by Art Stevens, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht, that the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting be approved as corrected.

Yeas – 5 (Ross Kaplan, Ryan Ross, John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)
Nays – 0
Absent- Dominick Pulis and Therese Longe

It was moved by Bill Wiebrecht, seconded by Art Stevens, to amend the October Agenda to add Linden Park Conifer Rock Garden under Communication/Discussion Items.

Yeas – 6 (Ross Kaplan, Therese Longe, Ryan Ross, John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)
Nays – 0
Absent- Dominick Pulis
Communication/Discussion Item #1 – Linden Park Proposed Conifer Rock Garden-

Lauren reviewed the proposed Conifer Rock Garden as proposed by Marshall Lasser. Lauren stated that Marshall is going to canvas the neighbors surrounding Linden Park for their approval on the proposed Conifer Rock Garden based on the comments from the September Parks Board meeting.

Ross stated that walkways should be ADA compliant.

Therese stated that based on the Parks Board comments and the comments that were voiced at the City Commission meeting that both boards were in agreement about not wanting to set a precedent were the boards basically directed public funds without going through a proper process without them being an existing priority.

It was moved by Therese Longe, seconded by Bill Wiebrecht, that the Parks and Recreation Boards supports the donation of the proposed conifer rock garden at Linden Park contingent upon the donor bearing the full cost of the project, the submission of a mutually agreeable final design plan and complete plant inventory that consists entirely of Michigan Native Species with the exception of a limited number (less than 5) Japanese Maples, a mutually agreeable donor agreement, a mutually agreeable maintenance plan and demonstration of a majority support of the surrounding neighbors.

Yeas – 6 (Ross Kaplan, Ryan Ross, Therese Longe, John Meehan, Art Stevens and Bill Wiebrecht)
Nays – 0
Absent: Dominick Pulis
Communication/Discussion Item #2 – Open Space/Field Reservation Usage

Connie discussed the open space and reservation usage for all City parks and fields and how all spaces and fields are being used.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2a – Golf Course Financials
Lauren furnished the Golf Course Financials.
No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #2b – Golf Course Report –
Lauren furnished the Golf Course Report.
No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEM #3 – Kenning Park Update –
Lauren stated that City Commission approved the Master Plan for Kenning Park which included the parking lot.

Lauren stated that the Kenning Park Master Plan public workshop will be held on Thursday, October 17th at DPS in the conference room at 6:30 pm.

Lauren stated that the fields at Kenning Park will be groomed this fall.

No action was required by the Parks & Recreation Board.

John stated that the next meeting will be held on November 12, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Connie J. Folk, Recreation Coordinator