

Appendix A

City of Grant Parks and Rec 5 Year Plan Survey 2012-2017

The City of Grant is undertaking the task of creating a Recreation Plan to guide planning in our recreation system over the next five years. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it to the City Municipal Offices at 280 S. Maple St., P.O. Box 435 by February 3, 2012. This is an opportunity for our residents and other facility users to help guide the investments and advancements in our recreation system. Completion of this Plan and the subsequent acceptance of it by the Michigan DNR will finalize the City's eligibility for access to state and federal aid dedicated to recreation facility enhancements. Thank you for your participation. Please direct any questions to the City Manager at 834-7904 or dlafave@cityofgrantmi.com.

1. Sex: Male 22.6% Female 77.4%
2. What is your age?

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 0%	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 3.4%	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 10.3%	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 17.2%	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 24.1%	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-65 17.2%	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 65 27.6%
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3. How many years have you lived in the City of Grant?

<input type="checkbox"/> Not a resident 10.3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 3.4%	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 4 6.9%	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 to 10 27.6%	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 to 20 17.2%	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 34.5%
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4. How many people live in your household? **Average 2.38 per household**
5. Do you have any children under the age of 18 in your home? Yes No
 If yes, what are their ages? **Average Age of children 10.2 years old**
6. On average, how often do you use City of Grant Parks during the spring and summer months, from May to mid-September? (please mark one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Never 13.8%	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a year 6.9%	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 to 11 times a year 27.6%
<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month 6.9%	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 or 3 times a month 10.3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a week 13.8%
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 or 3 times a week 13.8%	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 times a week 6.9%	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily 3.4%
7. On average, how often do you use City of Grant Parks during the autumn and winter months, from mid-September through April? (please mark one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Never 20.7%	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a year 6.9%	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 to 11 times a year 31.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month 20.7%	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 or 3 times a month 10.3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a week 3.4%
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 or 3 times a week 3.4%	<input type="checkbox"/> More than 3 times a week 3.4%	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily 0.0%
8. Why do you and/or your family visit City of Grant Parks? (mark all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Walking 55.2%	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking 34.5%	<input type="checkbox"/> In-line skating 0.0%
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling 24.1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Viewing 27.6%	<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding 10.3%
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming 3.4%	<input type="checkbox"/> Jogging 6.9%	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground Equipment 27.6%
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports(tennis, baseball, etc.)31.0%	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography 24.1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation 44.8%
<input type="checkbox"/> Walking your Dog 20.7%	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Gatherings 20.7%	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing 37.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Berry picking, would like to be able to swim and metal detecting at Blanche Lake</u>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
9. Which of the following City of Grant-operated recreational opportunities have you or your family visited in the past year?

<input type="checkbox"/> Blanche Lake Park: 79.3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Grant Community Center: 58.6%
<input type="checkbox"/> Ryan Benson Skate Park: 20.7%	<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Water Tower Park 37.9%

10. Which other Recreational opportunities within the City of Grant have you or your family visited over the past year?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS Tennis Facilities: 41.4% | <input type="checkbox"/> GPS Sports Fields: 58.6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS Fitness Center: 17.2% | <input type="checkbox"/> GPS Basketball Facilities: 20.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GPS Playgrounds: 51.7% | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 13.8% (GPS track 10.3%)(Lake 3.4%) |

11. Which of the following is the biggest factor impacting your decision to visit City of Grant recreational opportunities?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenient location: 65.5% | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and upkeep: 24.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A sense of safety: 31.0% | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent Facilities: 13.8% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specific park facility element: 20.7% | <input type="checkbox"/> Attractive Landscaping: 10.3% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not visit any parks: 6.9% | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: 6.9% (water 3.4%)(grandchildren 3.4%) |

12. Which of the following is the biggest factor impacting your decision NOT to visit City of Grant recreational opportunities?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested in parks: 3.4% | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor maintenance and upkeep: 20.7% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Location not convenient: 3.4% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not accessible: 0.0% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No children: 24.1% | <input type="checkbox"/> Unattractive Landscaping: 17.2% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

13. What should be the priority of the City of Grant Parks and Recreations Department over the next five years? Please rank each one, where 1 is most important and 5 is least important.

	Rank
Maintenance of Existing Parks:	1
Upgrade Current Facilities:	2
Preservation of Open Space:	3
Development of New Parks and Facilities:	4
Other:	5

14. Since the last 5 year parks survey, the City has tried to implement priorities identified. Please indicate which of the below accomplishments you believe were worth the City completing (check EACH one you believe was worth implementation)

<input type="checkbox"/> Historic Water Tower Park (M-37)2008: 62.1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Restroom -Blanche Lake 2008: 79.3%
<input type="checkbox"/> Paved Boat Launch Blanche Lake 2009: 62.1%	<input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park Rebuilt 2009: 37.9%
<input type="checkbox"/> New Dock at Blanche Lake 2009: 65.5%	<input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park Security Cam 2010: 51.7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center Renovations : 2010 79.3%	<input type="checkbox"/> Blanche Lake weed treatment 2011: 69.0%

15. What are the three most-need facilities or activities in the City of Grant? See Appendix B

16. Overall, what is your opinion of the City of Grant's Park System?
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Satisfied 13.8% | <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied 55.2% | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral 24.1% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disappointed 6.9% | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Disappointed 0.0% | |

Appendix B

Recreation Survey Comments

- Lack of places to sit
- A place to go for a nice walk with pretty scenery and landscaping. Maybe by the lake? Places to walk, jog, sit. If I were to choose, I would select disappointed. However, I don't think it has been a big priority so my expectations are low. My family often visits Newaygo if we want to go for a walk, have a picnic, or sit by the water and relax. It would be nice to have a place to go in Grant.
☺
- We would like lighted tennis courts. ☺
- Bike paths, gazebo or stage for outdoor gatherings, green space.
- More cameras at other parks. Skate park not safe because adults bother kids.
- Swimming beach-inside pay to play arcade/hangout for teens to keep them off the streets.
- Bike/walk path, maintain current facilities. Pool (indoor)!
- Blanche Lake baseball diamond needs work.
- Maintenance on ball fields.
- I believe there should be more ball fields in Grant.
- Need more security.
- New playground equipment at Blanche Lake.
- Bike path.
- Put an ice rink at Skatepark in winter would be great.
- I feel you should hire someone to maintain our Parkview cemetery! It has looked horrible for years and it is visited by Grant residents daily! For both recreation and Personal use!
- Bike trail, benches, sidewalk, all the way down E State St.
- Clean up Blanche Lake more-It's nasty!
- More improvements at lake for swimming, a place to cool off in summer and a new pavilion at the Lake.
- Streetscaping is an improvement. We need to make Grant attractive to passer-by's so they stop and spend \$\$
- Open up Blanche Lake and put in a nice park there. Blanche Lake is hidden, it doesn't feel safe to go down there.
- I think Grant is working toward improving-keep working forward ☺
- Would like to be able to swim.
- Mowing and trash.
- Golf driving range, outdoor basketball courts, ice skating rink.
- Pool, track (already nice though) and some sort of parenting/play group activity.

Appendix C

2007-2012 Recreation Plan Goals

1. “Promote active lifestyles through recreational opportunities that encourage children and adults to stay active.”

The City of Grant rebuilt the Ryan Benson Memorial Skatepark with grant funding from the FACF. The Skatepark was rebuilt with all steel to promote physical activity as well as durability for the park facility.

Blanche Lake Park had the addition of a new boat launch and new ADA dock. Along with some invasive weed/muck treatment, these improvements with the lake were/are intended to foster increased usage for recreational activities.

2. “Increase visual appeal of current facilities to promote existing recreation opportunities as attractive, safe, and regularly enjoyed by the public.”

The City improved the visual appeal, preservation of several facilities over the past 5 years. In 2008 the City partnered with individual donors, the Chamber of Commerce and the FACF to secure property for a new Park on the Westside of M-37, which is now Water Tower Park. The Water Tower was moved and renovated to its original character and the City was able to get the Water Tower Historical Marker plaque from the Michigan Historical Commission.

The City was able to secure grant funding from the FACF and assistance from a local welder to rebuild the wooden skate park structure in 2009. The skate park structure no longer suffers blight and safety issues from the wood structure. The City also added a security camera that is available to be viewed on the internet to promote safety of those using the park in 2010.

The Community Building was significantly overhauled in 2009-2010. The building received over \$200,000 in upgrades thanks to the FACF. The facility received a brand new roof, removed old drop ceiling in the main hall (restoring it to its original height), new windows (replacing the 1960's windows), enclosed entryway and new ADA compliant restrooms, new HVAC, new insulation, new lights, and ADA entry ramp in the front of the building.

In 2009 the City upgraded the old dilapidated dock at Blanche Lake Park with a new, larger, floating dock. The City subsequently added a paved boat launch. In 2010 a new volleyball court was added to the park as a donation from the Chamber of Commerce.

All of these improvements have added to the visual appeal and promotion of community facilities.

3. “Provide valued recreational opportunities that do not require user or service fees from residents for participation.”

Upgrades made to Blanche Lake Park, including a new volleyball court, dock, boat launch, and weed/muck treatments and rebuild of the Ryan Benson Skatepark have all been completed to continue to offer recreational opportunities for citizens. There are currently no fee related activities or passes to use City parks. Grant Public Schools offers fee related camps and recreation activities within the City during the summer.

4. “Protect and promote our City’s water resources”

The City has promoted its water resources at Blanche Lake Park by adding and publicizing in newsletters a new dock and boat launch in 2009. The City has also done invasive weed and muck treatments in 2011 to help preserve and promote the lake and water resources.

5. “Provide unique recreational opportunities to keep our youth interested in recreation activities and attract facility users from outside of the Grant area.”

The City has invested in a Skatepark rebuild to increase safety, durability along with a security camera.

The City has invested over \$200,000 in the Community Center to address visual aesthetics, functionality, and comfort as well as code issues.

Blanche Lake has received new upgrades with dock/boat launch, weed treatments, new volleyball court and a new restroom facility that was identified as a need in the previous parks and rec plan.

The City also added some way finding signage around the City in 2008 to better direct citizens to community park assets.

6. “Develop new, and upgrade current facilities that ensure accessibility to all visitors, regardless of disability.”

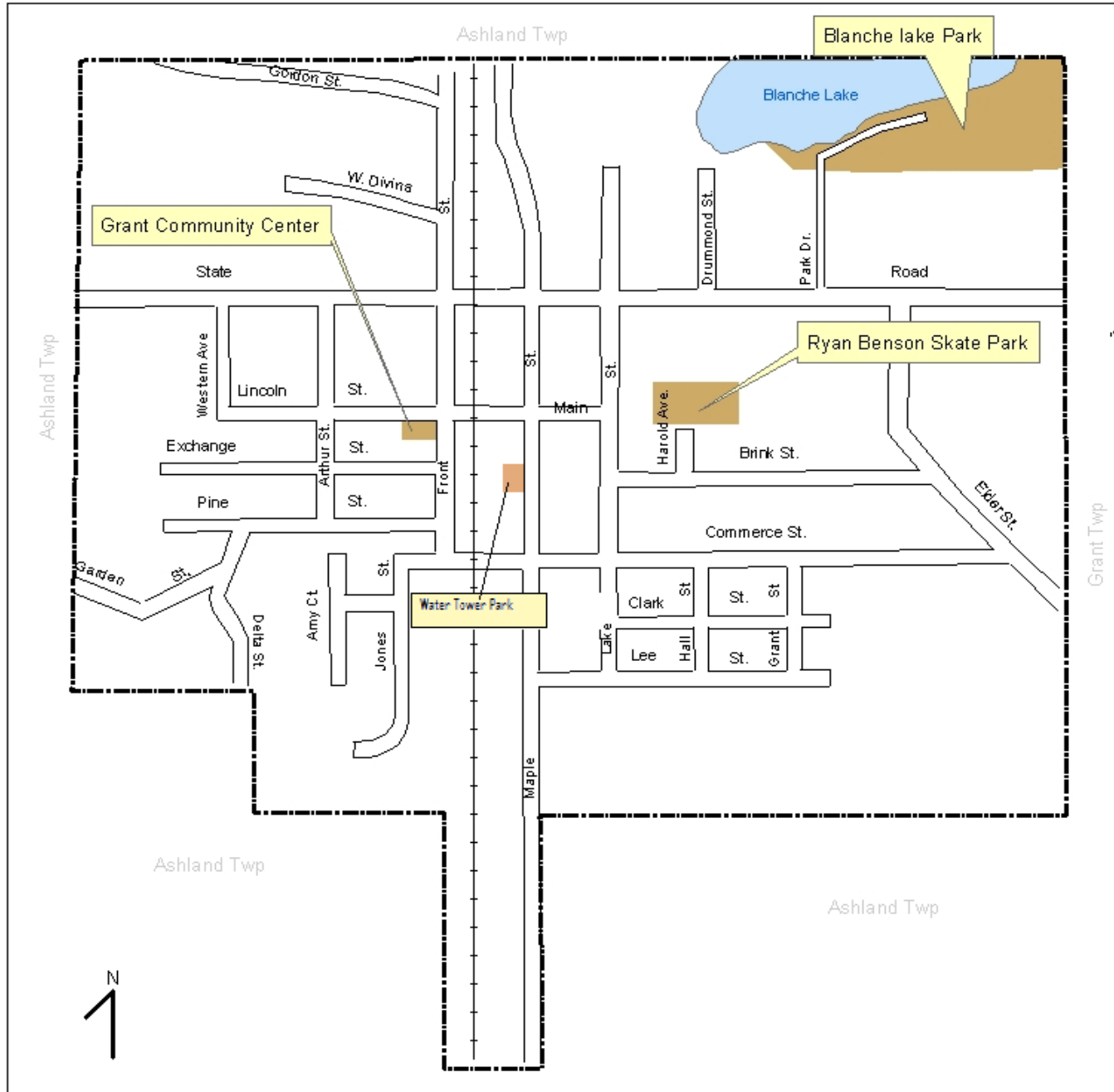
The Community Center received significant upgrades to bring the interior as well as exterior into compliance with ADA accessibility. Blanche Lake also has a better accessible dock for those who are handicap and a handicap accessible restroom facility.

7. “Ensure that the City of Grant’s funding levels dedicated to its Parks and Recreation opportunities are adequate to accomplish the goals outlined in this Plan.”

The City of Grant has tried to maintain adequate funding levels for parks and recreation facilities. As a whole, with dollar amount figures for capital improvements made to Water Tower Park, Community Center, Ryan Benson Memorial Skatepark and Blanche Lake Park, the City was able to far exceed the funding objective set out in the previous parks and recreation plan that recommended 10% of general fund revenues be set aside for parks. The City has been successful with securing donations, volunteer labor and grants from the FAF to fund these efforts in concert with the parks and recreation plan.

Appendix D





Existing Grant-Area Recreation Opportunities



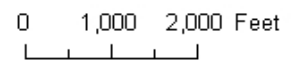
CITY OF GRANT Recreation Map



LEGEND

-  City Limits
-  Railroad
-  Road
-  Recreation Site

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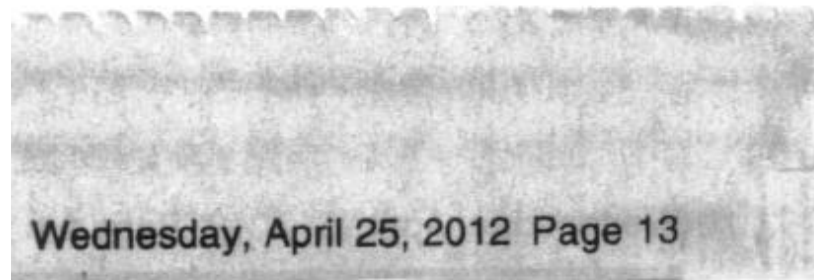


Appendix E

Public Notification

Notice of a Public Comment/Hearing was held June 7, 2012 and notice was published in the Fremont Times Indicator. As illustrated in the Notice, the Plan was available for review at the City Office and City website from April 23, 2012 through June 1, 2012.

Notice of Public Meeting was given April 25, 2012 in the Fremont Times Indicator. As illustrated in the Notice, the Plan was discussed at the Grant City Offices on June 7, 2012 at 5:30pm and June 18, 2012 at 7pm.



for the Stephen F. Leach Observatory.

CITY OF GRANT
Notice of Availability of Parks and Recreation
Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

A Draft of the City of Grant Five -Year Parks and Recreation Plan is available for public viewing and comment at the Grant City Offices (280 S. Maple St.) from April 23, 2012 to June 1, 2012 and also online via the City website: <http://www.cityofgrantmi.com/publicnotices.html>.

A formal public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Grant City Offices at 5:30pm.

Sherry Powell
Assistant City Manager/Clerk
City of Grant

Appendix F

CITY OF GRANT PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 12-1

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE GRANT CITY COMMISSION ADOPT
THE FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN 2012-2017

WHEREAS, the Grant Planning Commission has worked with Grant City Staff to update the Grant Five-Year Recreation Plan 2012-2017 to guide recreation planning in the Grant-Area over the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Year Recreation Plan 2012-2017 should be formally adopted by the Grant City Commission to demonstrate the community's commitment to planning for area recreation needs;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:

The Grant Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Grant City Commission formally adopt the Grant Five-Year Recreation Plan 2012-2017 to direct recreation planning for the City.

Motion, to adopt the foregoing Resolution 12-01 made by Fett second by Wilson.

Motion, declared affirmatively on this 7th day of June, 2012.



Planning Commission Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 12-1 adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Grant, County of Newaygo, State of Michigan, at the Meeting held on June 7, 2012, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 (Act 267), and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Sherry Powell
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

RESOLUTION 12-18

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF GRANT 2012-2017 RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, The City of Grant is interested in promoting healthy and active lifestyles for all of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The City of Grant is interested in collaborating with neighboring municipalities to ensure the population of the Grant Area is appropriately serviced by the City's recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Grant Planning Commission has submitted the 2012-2017 to the City Commission and recommended that it be approved to guide recreational planning and development over the next five years;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

The Grant City Commission hereby adopts the 2012-2017 Recreation Plan and resolves to make the necessary tools available to fulfill the goals described within to the best of their abilities.

Motion, to adopt the foregoing Resolution 12-18 made by Commissioner Hallman, second by Commissioner Portell.

Motion, declared affirmatively on this 18th day of June, 2012.



Terry Fett, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 12-18 adopted by the City Commission of the City of Grant, County of Newaygo, State of Michigan, at the Meeting held on June 18, 2012, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 (Act 267), and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Sherry Powell
Assistant City Manager/Clerk

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 2012, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
 PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
 Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Lori Gardner – Deputy Clerk, Bob VanBelzen –Police Dept, Sam Scholtens, County Commissioner
 ABSENT: None
 EXCUSED: Commissioner Kevin Smith
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Bouwkamp to approve the agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
 Sam Scholtens discussed his concern with the synthetic drugs that are in the news. He is looking to take a proactive stance on this topic. So far they are still legal. There are bills in the State Legislature addressing this. He asked the Grant Police Department to provide any feedback. Mayor Fett asked Bob VanBelzen what to watch for in people. Seargent VanBelzen replied that some of it is comparable to marijuana and the “bath salts” are hallucinogenic.
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 a. Board vacancy remaining-Planning Commission (1) Mayor Fett is still looking for a candidate to fill the position. If anyone knows someone who is interested in filling the vacancy, please let Mayor Fett know.
8. **New Business**
 a. Resolution 12-17: Consideration: for purchasing property and liability insurance for FY 2012-2013 (White Agency: \$15,789 or Burnam and Flower: \$18,066.)
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Portell to approve Resolution 12-17 with White Agency
 Motion carried unanimously.
 b. Resolution 12-18: Consideration: to adopt the City of Grant 2012 – 2017 Parks and Recreation Plan.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Portell to approve Resolution 12-18.
 Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
 a. AirGrant – Proposal Review:
 Doug LaFave asked the board how long of an agreement they wanted to sign with AirGrant. The entire board felt that 2 years was reasonable.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve proposal with AirGrant for two years.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 b. City Ordinances Review: Doug Lafave has been going over the city ordinances and we have had requests for chickens in the city. He suggested having certain areas that will be allowed to have chickens following certain guidelines. He suggested the more rural areas at the edges of town. Consensus was that there shouldn't be cut-outs allowing livestock. It was requested that the new ordinances state “no livestock”.
 c. Ashland – Grant Fire Board – Upcoming vacancy must be filled in July:
 The City Commission needs to find someone to replace Anne Picard in the Fire Board. Anne's term is up in July and she is not interested in being reappointed. Mayor Fett expressed some frustration with some of

the Fire board members due to the reluctance to change the meeting time to the evenings. It is difficult for residents with concerns to attend meetings during the day. Mayor Fett asked anyone who is able to please attend the next meeting to voice these concerns.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. **Safe Routes to School-sidewalks:** Doug LaFave informed that all is set to go. He has sent out letters to all of the local contractors hoping to keep the business local. They do need to be MDOT certified. We are hoping to begin in October. The final prints are available to view in the public meeting room.
- b. **Day at the Lake Event:** Mayor Fett: It was a nice day sponsored by Spectrum Health. We had approximately 100 people attend and enjoy kayaking, canoeing and food. It brought a lot of interest to the Blanche Lake park. He is prototyping some new docks that he would like to eventually bring to the park for swimming. Spectrum Health and the Grant Area Chamber are interested in doing this again next year.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:18 p.m.



Mayor Terry Fett

Lori Gardner, Deputy Clerk



280 S. Maple St. P.O. Box 435 Grant, MI 49327

July 17, 2012

Planning Director
West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission
316 Morris Avenue, Suite 340
P.O. Box 387
Muskegon, MI 49443-0387

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached a copy of the City of Grant 2012-2017 Recreation Plan. The Plan was prepared by the City of Grant, and will guide our area's recreation efforts over the next five years. As our Regional Planning Agency, we are required to submit a copy of this Plan to WMSRDC.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,

Douglas William La Fave
Grant City Manager



280 S. Maple St. P.O. Box 435 Grant, MI 49327

July 17, 2012

Grants Management
Michigan DNR
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the completed and approved City of Grant Parks and Recreation Plan for 2012-2017. The City has followed all requirements and steps other than under item 3 on page 2 on the DNR submission page. As of June 2011 the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance abolishing the County Planning Commission and waiving their right to review plans. I have made a note on our checklist to address this point and also submitted correspondence from MSU Extension from Newaygo County verifying this.

Sincerely,



Douglas William La Fave
Grant City Manager