



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Parks & Recreation

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2019

Time: 7:00pm.

Location: Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI. 48197

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
2. **Roll Call** Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Kurt Kohlmann, Amanda Marshall, Ashanti Harris, Ben Connor-Barrie, Cherisa Allen and City Staff Representative Chris Jacobs the Community Development Manager.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Harris that we admend the New Business from tonight's agenda to include the Meeting schedule for 2019 and approve the agenda as amended. Passed
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –December 4, 2018 Commissioner Kohlmann moved and Commissioner Connor-Barrie seconded approval. Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** None
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt A Park Updates** Commissioner Connor-Barrie reported numbers that he gathered for the Annual Report.
Frog Island had 750 volunteer hours by 45 people.
Frog Island Bronze Beauties have not resumed since 2017
Normal Park Tot Lot put in 15 hours
 - b. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool-** Have been approved for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant. We will be launching the Patronicity Matching Funds fundraiser after Wednesday. A mailing will go out soon. Meeting tomorrow.
 - ii. **Senior Center-**Still working on the 5013c application. Meeting tomorrow.
 - c. **City Updates-** Chris reported that the City approved the Border 2 Border Trail proposal. City will move forward working with the County and Huron Watershed Council.
 - d. **Recap of Joint Meeting-**Commissioners all thought that it went well. Mr. Jacobs was asked what the next steps are. He

believes that the council will use the information for planning and budgeting purposes in their goal setting meetings. Commissioner Marshall will send out a draft of a resolution stating that the Park Commissioners support the idea of recycling in parks.

e. **Other Old Business-** None

7. New Business

a. **Calendar-** Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Kohlmann moved and seconded that we adopt the schedule put forward. Passed

b. **2019 Commissioner Goals** The following ideas were brought up as possible goals for the next year.

We have to work on the Master Parks Plan. We will need assistance from Bonnie and the City.

Commissioner Connor-Barrie wants more Adopt A Park volunteer and an easier paperwork.

Commissioner Kohlmann would like to continue improving on our Social Media and not have it all fall unto Commissioner Sweet.

Photo Contest to encourage people to get out in the parks

Passport Program

Geocaching

Community Service Award

Frog Island Concert Series

CPR/First Aid

Arts in the Park

Movie in the Park

Pavilion Rental Form

Park Recycling Program

Continue with Fall River Day

Expand Park Program with YMCA programming or other

c. **Youth Rugby-**Legacy Program from Brighton (Local resident connection) would like to offer youth K-8th programming during May and June. Discussion around whether it would be free or low cost. What parks could it be offered in? Lots of discussion to still take place but the Commission is in support.

d. **Annual Report-** please look at the submitted report and get back to Commissioner Sweet with corrections or additions by January 18th.

e. **mParks Membership and Conference-** a link was sent to some or all commissioners to join up.

f. **mPark Green Gift-**\$2,500 possible grant. Due by January 15th

8. Other Business-None

9. Commissioner Comments/Announcements-No commissioners were able to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at Riverside Park. Good reports have been heard and commissioners have seen the playground in use.

10. Adjournment Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Marshall moved for adjournment at 8:34pm. Passed

Next Meeting: February 12, 2019 at Senior Center 7pm