



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

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Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 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 7:06pm
2. **Roll Call** Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Amanda Marshall, Ashanti Harris and City Staff Representative Chris Jacobs the Community Development Manager. Commissioners Kohlmann, Allen and Navarre were absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Moved by Commissioner Barrie-Connor and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the agenda. Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –March 12, 2019 and April 9, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Barrie-Connor moved, and Commissioner Marshall seconded approval. Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** None
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt A Park Updates**
 - i. Native Garden Commissioner Sweet shared an application from Laura Bien to fix the garden beds in the caboose area of Depot Town. The commissioners discussed whether DPW would have to approve it or not. Mr. Jacobs stated that the DPW does not maintain that area. Commissioner Sweet will contact Elize Jekobson regarding BEE City information and projects. Commissioner Connor-Barrie will work on the application. Mr. Jacobs will convert the pdf to a word doc for easier use.
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool-** The pool should be getting cleaned this week, filled and prepped for inspection. ATT was out today for phones and internet.
 - ii. **Senior Center-**Their board met with the City attorney John Barr regarding a MOA with the City. The board was not comfortable with the expectations as they were laid out. The Senior Center is looking for an agreement that is more like what the Pool has. Another meeting will be scheduled. Jewelry and Bake sale during Normal Park Yard sale, 1st week in June.

8. City Updates- Mr. Jacobs has been contacted by a resident that wishes to put up a learning table or bench in honor of a relative. The Commission said we need more details but would likely be in favor of it.

9. Commission Committee Updates: Edith Hefly park users are happy that there will be a table and bench added to the park. Michelle from Frog Island has been doing some maintenance, but nothing is really growing at this point. Commissioner Connor-Barrie will meet with her.

10. Programming

a. Youth Rugby League -the director is trying to visit Ypsilanti Community Schools to drum up interest.

b. Community CPR Program Commissioner Sweet is working with Monica Prince from the Senior Center to host another event in August.

Parks History Tours- This may just become informational and not actual hikes. We could put info on the webpage or social media.

11. Other Old Business-None

12. New Business

a. **Park Funding Approval** Christopher Jacobs, Community Development Manager presented his information on the Park Improvement Cost Schedule for the individual parks. He informed us of changes that he had to make after conferring with DPW.

b. **City Pavilion Rentals Online Form** Commissioner Sweet met with Wendy-an executive administrator in the Police Department. She handles the rentals of parks and pavilions. She is fine with moving the application to online. Any way that it can be streamlined and made easier is fine. Separate process for park and pavilion renting.

c. **Master Plan Survey** Mr. Jacobs will convert it from a pdf so that it can become a google doc and all of us give input by the end of the month. Most will stay the same.

d. **Community Clean Up Day-** It is this Saturday from 9am to noon. Hopefully, most commissioners will be out helping at sites.

13. Other Business- Reminder about Fall River Day-September 22. Peninsular Dam has been voted on by the council to be removed. Commissioner Harris mentioned ways to recognize volunteers/park stewards and let people be aware of what is happening in the parks. Maybe have a photo contest.

14. Commissioner Comments/Announcements-None

15. Adjournment Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Harris moved for adjournment at 8:39pm. Passed

Next Meeting: June 11, 2019 at Senior Center 7pm