

Parks and Recreation Commission



The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) is an advisory body. It has the following principal duties and responsibilities:

- Make recommendations to the City Manager, Recreation Director, and City Council concerning the recreation and city parks needs of the city, including how park improvement funds are used.
- Prepare, consider, and approve a parks and recreation master plan. An update shall be considered no less frequently than every five (5) years.
- Review and approve "Adopt-A-Park" applications.
- Review and advise upon plans for capital improvements within the parks.
- Prepare an annual written report to the City Council concerning its operations.
- Expand park and recreation opportunities through Commission-sponsored events when appropriate.

In addition, the Commission may choose to:

- Fundraise for the parks system, including research and recommendations on grant applications. The Commission may not submit grant applications or receive grant funds without consent of City Council.
- Publicize the parks system, including management of the Commission's social media presence and pages on the City website.
- Make recommendations to City Council regarding specific policy or ordinance changes that serve the parks system and recreation within the City.

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission consist of City residents representing each of the three wards of the City. There are nine to eleven seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission; up to three members may be youth members, and hold the same rights and responsibilities as all other members. At least three members shall be appointed from each of the three wards of the City.

The Parks and Recreation Commission's regular meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 1 South Huron, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Meetings generally last between fifteen minutes and an hour; an average meeting is approximately a half hour. At least four regular meetings will be held per year. Meetings may be cancelled for lack of business, and special meetings may be called as needed.