

## **Arts and Parks Commission**



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

- Make recommendations to staff and City Council concerning the recreation and city parks needs of the city, including how park improvement funds are used.
- Make recommendations to staff and City Council concerning the solicitation and selection, funding, partnerships, and promotion of public art in public spaces and/or on City property, including how public art 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.
- Create and update an arts plan for the City with goals and vision regarding supporting and fostering arts within the City.
- Review and approve "Adopt-A-Park" applications.
- Review applications for public art.
- 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 and public art, 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 and public art, 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 arts or recreation within the City.

Members of the Arts and Parks Commission consist of consist of not less than three (3) nor more than eleven (11) members, with no more than three non-residents.

The Arts and Parks Commission's regular meetings are scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 6:30 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. Meetings may be cancelled for lack of business, and special meetings may be called as needed.