

## Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2016

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:01pm, May 10, 2016 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue. Commission members attending were Nicole Putala, Cathy Thorburn (Vice Chair and meeting Chair), Bob Krzewinski, Evan Sweet, and Conan Malmer.
2. Approval of agenda – A motion was made to approve the agenda by Conan Malmer, seconded by Evan Sweet, passing unanimously.
3. Approval of previous meeting minutes - A motion was made to approve the April minutes by Conan Malmer, seconded by Nicole Putala, passing unanimously.
3. Introductions
  - a. Audience participation – Peter Church.
  - b. Guest presentations – None.
4. Old Business
  - a. Adopt A Park Updates
    - Applications needing approval - None
    - Application revision update (Evan Sweet) – Electronic signatures are a legal problem. A discussion was held on an electronic form offering more clarity in making out data and that it also could be sent to more than one person.
    - Friends of Peninsular Park – No update. This may be still be a site for Ypsi PRIDE Day.
    - Disc golf - No update.
    - Ypsilanti Running Company – No update.
    - Friends of Prospect Park - No update.
    - Heritage Park Neighborhood Association - No update.
    - Friends Of Rutherford Pool – Cathy Thorburn gave an update on the Rutherford Pool, including spring maintenance and efforts to sell memberships.
  - b. Friends Groups Updates
    - Friends/neighborhood groups listing (Nicole Putala) – List still being compiled.
  - c. City of Ypsilanti Updates
    - Candy Cane repairs – Peter Church discussed that a Friends of Candy Cane Park is being revitalized. At the Park, bleachers and picnic tables need repairing, with an estimated cost to cost approximately \$900. Commission members thanked Peter for his work and recommended he fill out an Adopt-A-Park application for the bleacher/picnic table work.
    - Sign request – Edith Hefley Park sign purchase out of Park Capitol Fee program – Currently there is no sign at the Park. A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Nicole Putala, to recommend that the City of Ypsilanti approve a sign at Edith Hefley Park out of the Park Capitol Fee program, passing unanimously.
    - Riverside (gazebo, tridge), Peninsular (steps, retaining wall, shelter), Waterworks (bridge deck) repairs – The gazebo has reopened but no known work at Waterworks or Peninsular Parks.
    - Parks maintenance & repair schedule (continuing agenda item) – No action taken.
    - Riverside Playgroup Committee update – No update.
    - M-Parks program update (Evan Sweet) – An update was given with the senior and youth programs expected to begin in mid-June. Grant funds will be used for non-motorized bridge repairs in Waterworks Park and Riverside Park.
    - Community Development grants (Anne Brown) – No update.
    - Park Capitol Fee report (Anne Brown) No update.
    - Eastside Recreation Center - No update.
    - Other Parks updates – None.
  - d. Commission Sponsored events
    - Friday Movie Night – Continue to be co-sponsored by the Commission Fridays in May, 7pm at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum.
    - Ypsilanti River Day Update - Bob Krzewinski and Evan Sweet met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> for event planning.

- e. Ypsi PRIDE Day – May 21 - (Evan Sweet) – Conan Malmer will be at Parkridge Park with a major baseball field rehabilitation.
- f. Scout Community Service Day – May 15 – Scout Service Day has been moved to an Ypsilanti Township Park.
- g. Commission members terms expiring (Cathy Thorburn – 6/19, Bob Krzewinski – 6/19, Conan Malmer – 4/23) – Conan Malmer’s renewal on the Commission has been before City Council on the Mayors agenda.
- h. Commission reports to City Council (Linda Horne) - No update.
- i. Commission City staff liaison (Anne Brown) - No update.

5. New Business

- a. Free Fishing Weekend – Evan Sweet discussed Free Fishing Weekend, a program by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Conan Malmer will check on some contacts he has at the Parkridge Community Center, Evan Sweet will check with Shultz Outfitters, Nicole Putala will research donations.

6. 2016 Priorities (Meeting action, if any, in *italics*)

- Peninsular Park – Step replacement, shelter roof repair, general park improvement – *No updates.*
- Riverside Park –Improve drainage, repave paths and open the Cross Street entrance gate for parking. - *A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, for a trial summer opening of the north gate to Riverside Park, passing unanimously.*
- Ypsi River Day (10/9/16) – Canoe rental, displays with assistance of the Huron River Watershed Council – *See agenda item 4.d.*
- Adopt-A-Park Application – Simplify and have were individuals/groups can submit in an email format – *See agenda item 4.a.*
- Mattingly – Clear, signed east/west entrances to park, new playground equipment, trash cans/benches, park fencing repair - *No updates.*
- Frog Island – Improve amphitheater for events (i.e. power supply) - *No updates.*
- All Parks – Uniform signage that is visible and refurbished if already in place - *No updates.*
- Dog Park – At least one in a City Park (Report) - *No updates.*
- Baseball Diamonds – Improvement, maintenance and increased use of funding - Funding – Explore funding sources for parks improvements and recreational programs (Conan Malmer) – *See agenda item 4.e.*

7. Partner Updates

- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town/Huron River Watershed Council – A Trail Town meeting was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> with no one from the Commission attending.
- b. Bike Ypsi – Spring ride was recently held on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- c. City Non-Motorized Advisory Committee – Bob Krzewinski gave a report on Committee activities such as increasing the amount of pedestrian safety signage.

8. Other Business - None

9. Adjournment – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Evan Sweet, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm with the next meeting being Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Avenue.