



City of Ypsilanti
Parks & Recreation Commission
One South Huron Street
Ypsilanti MI, 48197

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm, January 10, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library Downtown Branch, 229 W Michigan Ave. Commissioners in attendance were Linda Horne, Cathy Thorburn, Conan Malmer, and Evan Sweet.
2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes – A motion was made to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes by Conan Malmer, and seconded by Cathy Thorburn.
3. Introductions – Colette Hemker, Youth Community Program Director from the Ann Arbor YMCA was introduced to the Commission.
 - YMCA is working with Community Outreach at Erickson Elementary School.
 - YMCA working with Parks & Recreation Commission to bring outdoor fitness classes to multiple city parks in summer months once per month.
 - On Friday's local students can join the East Washtenaw Basketball League held at Ypsilanti Community Middle School, 235 Spencer Ln, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
4. Old Business
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates
 - i. Friends of Peninsular Park – Commissioner Horne reported that Anne Brown working to start the friends group back up.
 - ii. Friends of Prospect Park – Brad Cannon submitted an Adopt A Park Application for the park, and will be working to maintain the presence

of the skate park. A motion was made by Commissioner Sweet, seconded by Commissioner Malmer to approve Mr. Cannon's Adopt A Park application, passing unanimously.

- iii. Heritage – No Updates
 - b. Friends Group Updates – Commissioner Sweet reported that Ypsilanti Senior Center is looking to apply for 501(c)3 Non-Profit status. Also center is working on putting up a collapsible temporary wall that was grant funded. Commissioner Thorburn reported that Rutherford Pool is hosting a five year plan meeting very soon. Rutherford Pool will be raising rates for the 2017 year. Colette Hemker mentioned the idea of the YMCA of Ann Arbor and Rutherford Pool hosting a YMCA Safety Around Water (YSAW) program Rutherford Pool Board is looking for teen members to join the board and the Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for teen members as well.
 - c. City of Ypsilanti Updates – City seeking approval on grant to help fund Riverside Park Playground Task Force project. Commission did not vote on approval of grant, but delayed voting to speak with Director Ernat of Economic Development for details of grant and playground project.
 - d. Commission Sponsored Events
 - i. Friday Movie Night – Still occurring, no updates
 - ii. Ypsilanti River Day Update – Commissioner Sweet reaching out to former Commissioner Krzewinski to secure details of River Day to plan for 2017. Colette Hemker suggested reaching out to Jason Frenzel of the Huron River Watershed Council.
5. New Business
- a. Elections – Commission elections will be held at the next scheduled Commission meeting on February 14, 2017 at 7pm at the Ypsilanti District Library Downtown Branch.
6. Partner Updates
- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – Next meeting will be January 30, 2017.
 - b. Bike Ypsi – No Updates
 - c. Non-Motorized – No Updates

7. Other Business – None
8. Adjournment – Motion was made by Conan Malmer, and seconded by Evan Sweet to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm with the next meeting being Tuesday February 14, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Ave.