



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

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 14, 2017

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, February 14, 2017 at the Ypsilanti District Library, Downtown Branch, 229 W Michigan Ave. Commissioners in attendance were Linda Horne, Cathy Thorburn, Conan Malmer, Nicole Putala, and Evan Sweet. Guest – Colette Hemker, Youth Community Program Director, Ann Arbor YMCA.
2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes – A motion was made to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes by Commissioner Mamler, and seconded by Commissioner Sweet
3. Introductions – Colette Hemker spoke about the Dance Your Heart Out event, being held on Friday February 17, 2017 at Erickson Elementary. Event will feature resource tables, dinner, and a Zumba party. Also working on Fitness in the Park series rotating through local Ypsilanti parks. Planning to be finalized soon.
4. Old Business -
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates
 - i. Friends of Peninsular Park – Commissioner Sweet met with Anne Brown who had mentioned that a contractor had been out to access the replacement plan for the steps and pavilion shelter
 - ii. Friends of Prospect Park - Commissioner Horne commented that Improvements on the skate park will not be beginning until the summer months.
 - iii. Heritage – No updates
 - b. Friends Groups Updates -

Rutherford Pool – Commissioner Thorburn reported that the pool held a community forum, with over 25 people in attendance and used that plan to help shape the plan for the pools future. Also reported that the pools programming is set for the summer.

Senior Center – Commissioner Sweet reported that the center is applying for 501c3 status as a non-profit friends group, to be recognized by the state as a non-profit organization that runs the operations of the center.

Ypsi Baseball Project – Commissioner Mamler reported on a Parkridge Park vs. Recreation Park softball game to be held this summer, with planning in the works.



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- c. City of Ypsilanti Updates – Commissioner Sweet showcased the mParks Annual Report highlighting Waterworks Bridge and the Riverside Park Tridge as grant funded projects. Commissioner Sweet planning to work with City Council on recognizing July as Parks & Recreation Month.
 - d. Commission Sponsored events
 - i. Friday Movie Night – Still occurring. Commissioner Putala is going to follow up with Historical Society to get more details.
 - ii. Ypsilanti River Day – Planning for a weekend in October, like last year. Commissioner Sweet has been in contact with Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation, and the Huron River Watershed Council on planning the event.
5. New Business
- a. Elections – Motion by Commissioner Thorburn to elect Commissioner Sweet as Chair, Commissioner Horne as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Thorburn as Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Malmer, passing unanimously. Effective at close of meeting, Commissioner Sweet will be Chair, Commissioner Horne will be Vice Chair, and Commissioner Thorburn will be Secretary.
6. Partner Updates
- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – Commissioner Malmer attended the last meeting in January. Meeting was more like a think tank meeting with ideas generated to take back to a planning team. Commissioner Malmer mentioned an upcoming Ypsilanti Proud Day (Formerly Ypsi PRIDE) meeting is coming up on February 28, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber (2010 Hogback Rd #4, Ann Arbor, MI 48105)
 - b. Bike Ypsi – No updates
 - c. Non- Motorized – No updates
7. Other Business – Commissioner Malmer discussed a baseball leadership camp, that could partner with the Ann Arbor YMCA to implement a camp based the needs and interests of local kids interested in baseball. Commissioner Malmer will be meeting with Colette Hemker to discuss the details of this camp. Commissioner Thorburn mentioned that this years Heritage Fest will be moved and is now being held on Aug. 26.
8. Adjournment – Motion was made by Commissioner Thorburn, and seconded by Commissioner Malmer to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm with the next meeting being Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W. Michigan Ave.



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