



# City of Ypsilanti

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: May 8, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti MI. 48197

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm, May 8, 2018 at Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197
2. **Roll Call** Commissioners in attendance were Evan Sweet, Ben Connor-Barrie, Cathy Thorburn, Amanda Marshall, Ashanti Harris, Amanda Marshall and Kurt Kohlmann. Absent Delois Wilson (notified) and Linda Horne. City Liaison, Joe Meyers was also present.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was moved for approval by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Harris. Passed
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from April were reviewed and moved for approval by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann. Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment and Presentations**
  - a. **Ypsilanti Skatepark**-Mauricio Mejia and Trevor Staples. Mauricio presented on the desire for another skatepark in the Ypsilanti area. He does not want to replace the DIY park in Prospect Park but build a more commercially made one. Trevor Staples will help write the grant. After discussion there may not be a suitable place for the park to be built in the City proper. The Recreation Commission is in support of the idea moved by Connor-Barrie and seconded by Marshall. Passed. Commissioner Sweet will draft a letter of support of the idea for grant purposes. Trevor will go back to Washtenaw County for further support.
  - b. **GaGa Pit**-YIES school students/PTO want to build a GaGa pit in Prospect Park for use during recess time. They will pay for all materials and were looking for support on their Adopt A Park application for the project. Stan from DPW has already been contacted about the project. Support for the Adopt A Park application was moved by Connor-Barrie and seconded by Malmer. Passed
6. **Old Business**

- a. **Adopt-A-Park Updates-** Candy Cane has started to be active again, along with the Frog Island Beauties. Frog Island Garden is still having trouble cleaning up as they feel limited in what they are allowed to do without getting into trouble. It was suggested that there be an on-site meeting with the garden crew, DPW and someone from the Park Commission. This will be set up after Ypsilanti Proud.
- b. **Friends Group Updates-**
  - i. **Rutherford Pool-** Gearing up to start the season. Reaching out to organizations in the community to partner with such as Big Brothers /Big Sisters. Participating in Touch a Truck program on Saturday and in Ypsilanti Proud next Saturday. Will have a Drive fundraiser with Butman Ford in June.
  - ii. **Senior Center-**Raising rental rate from \$50 to \$60 with \$2 a year raise after this year. The State approved their Articles of Incorporation so they are one step closer to their 501c3 status. Jewelry sale is the first Saturday of June.
  - iii. **Ypsilanti Baseball Project-** Will work on the field at Prospect Park. The back stop may need to be painted at Parkridge
- c. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Trail is still not open. Mr. Meyers knows the last three steps that need to take place. Close to the final remediation plan. Rocks need to be ordered. Playground in Riverside Park needs more funding. They will ask the County to help cover the gap of \$60,000.
- d. **Fall River Day Update-**September 23 –lining up vendors. There is support from the schools to distribute information. Still working on volunteer logistics and signage to move from Riverside to Frog Island. Need to confirm the take out point.
- e. **Ypsilanti Proud Day-**May 19 The tennis court project at Parkridge will not include a soccer court as there is desire to teach tennis their this summer. It is unclear if the resurfaced courts will have the paintings for other games on them or just tennis lines. There is a volleyball net there but the ground needs to be prepared as it was last year. Commissioner Sweet will check to see if the lights can be turned on for evening tennis play.
- f. **Park Priority Projects and Commission Goals-**still looking at the google doc that was put together on each park.
- g. **Committee Updates**
  - i. **Park Projects & Funding** –no report
  - ii. **Programming, Events and Communication-**Colette Hemker shared information regarding Fitness in the Parks which starts this Saturday. Information will be

distributed to the high school and given to Commissioner Thorburn to distribute at Touch A Truck.

iii. **Adopt-A-Park Coordination and Internal Development**-reports above

h. **Other Old Business**-None

**7. New Business**

- a. **Adopt –A-Park** GaGa Pit at Prospect Park-handled earlier
- b. **Parkridge Park Community Meeting**- searching for resident input. No date has been set as of yet. Will be held at Parkridge.
- c. **Park System Tour/Project Planning**- Commissioners agreed that this would be a good idea. Either go as a group or as individuals. Should take place after Ypsilanti Proud so that we can see what still needs to be addressed.

8. **Other Business**- Colette shared information about the YMCA camps that are coming up this summer with their partnership with EMU. Their summer camp will be located at Estabrook this year. McKinley Properties will pay 80% of their residents' fees and bus them to camp.

9. **Commissioner Comments/Announcements**-None

10. **Adjournment** 8:51pm Moved by Commissioner Kolhmann and seconded by Commissioner Malmer. Passed.

Next Meeting June 12