



# City of Ypsilanti

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

**Date: February 13, 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, January 9, 2018 at Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI. 48197. Commissioners in attendance were Evan Sweet, Ashanti Harris, Ben Barrie, Conan Malmer, Kurt Kohlmann and Amanda Marshall. Also present were Joe Meyers, City of Ypsilanti Commission Liaison, Michelle Shankwiler, Jeff Guyton and Joel Rutherford. Commissioners absent: Delois Wilson, Linda Horne, Cathy Thorburn
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was moved for approval by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Malmer. Motion Passed
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were moved for approval by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Malmer. Motion Passed
4. **Introductions:** Jeff Guyton and Joel Rutherford spoke on the Friends of the Rutherford Pool's Grant Request.

Michelle Shankwiler spoke on the Frog Island Community Garden

5. **Old Business:**
  - a. Adopt-A-Park Updates
    - i. Candy Cane- College Heights Neighborhood-on hold until Spring.
    - ii. Peninsular Park- Meeting of Friends of Peninsular Park on February 14, 2018
    - iii. Frog Island-Bronze Beauties- on hold until Spring
    - iv. Frog Island- Joe reported that the application had not been rejected and that the city manager was looking into the problem.
  - b. Friends Group Updates
    - i. Rutherford Pool – Nothing more to report.

ii. Senior Center- Commissioner Sweet reported that he has not been in attendance for their last few meetings and has no updates.

iii. Ypsilanti Baseball Project- Commissioner Malmer reported that the Little League's plans for 2018

c. City of Ypsilanti informed the Commission of the grant that is being written and the status of the water street trail.

Commissioner Sweet inquired about requesting funds from the CVB for this year's river up days. Joe informed Commissioner Sweet that all requests needed to go through the Community Development Department.

d. Recreation Programming- Commissioner Sweet met with YMCA staff to work on programming for this year.

e. Park Priority Projects – Commissioner Sweet presented a list of priority projects from our master plan for the commission to go over and discuss next month.

f. 2018 Commission Goals - Evan went through the potential 2018 goals.

g. Free Fishing Weekend June 9 & 10 Huron River Watershed Council is interested in helping. An area would need to be secured. Possibly borrow equipment from Ann Arbor. Dry land activities could take place also.

h. mParks Community Service Nomination  
Commissioner Sweet requested ideas for nominations for the 2018 community service awards.

i. Other Old Business- None

## **7. New Business**

a. 207 Highlights – Commissioner Sweet gave a presentation on the 2017 highlights.

- b. Normal Park Neighborhood – Edith Hefley Tot Lot  
Commissioner Barrie spoke on the upcoming adopt a park request .
- c. Committee Placement – Commissioner Sweet indicated that he would like at least 3 commissioners on each committee.

**8. Partner Updates**

- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town-brochure is still in the process of being finalized.

**9. Other Business- None**

**10. Commissioner Comments/Announcements None**

**11. Adjournment 8:54** It was moved by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Malmer to adjourn at 8:54pm. Motion Passed.

**NEXT MEETING** March 13, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Ypsilanti Senior Center  
1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI 48917