



# City of Ypsilanti

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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### NOTICE OF MEETING

**Date:** January 9, 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 and Cathy Thorburn. Also present were Joe Meyer, City of Ypsilanti Commission Liaison and EMU Board Fellow Cristina Neil. Commissioners absent: Delois Wilson, Linda Horne, Kurt Kohlmann and Amanda Marshall.
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 Harris. Motion Passed
4. **Introductions:** Ms. Kim, an Ypsilanti Community High School teacher had several students present to observe a governmental meeting for school purposes. Commissioners introduced themselves.
5. **Old Business:**
  - a. Adopt-A-Park Updates
    - i. Candy Cane- College Heights Neighborhood-on hold until Spring.
    - ii. Peninsular Park- Commissioner Barrie reported that per the information online through the City webpage, it appears that the Friends group of Peninsular Park is supporting the removal of the dam.
    - iii. Frog Island-Bronze Beauties- on hold until Spring
    - iv. Frog Island- Garden it is on the City Council agenda, tonight. After tonight's council meeting, Mr. Meyers will have more to report.
  - b. Friends Group Updates
    - i. Rutherford Pool – Commissioner Thorburn reported that there is a board meeting tomorrow night. She reported that Jack and Jill will be donating up to 75 goggles and swim caps to help promote swimming with the African American community.

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

iii. Ypsilanti Baseball Project- Commissioner Malmer reported that the Little League paid \$5,000 out of their budget for the new shed. The City was helpful in removal of debris and with the help needed with moving of electrical hook-ups. Little League registration is open.

c. City of Ypsilanti Updates Mr. Meyers reported that there is a meeting on Thursday with the DEQ regarding the opening of the Water Street trail. Mr. Meyers suggested that we vote on whether we wished to include the pool bath house in the Master Plan. Commissioner Conan moved for and Commissioner Barrie seconded. Motion Passed.

Commissioner Sweet will look over the word document from Mr. Meyer regarding priorities for the parks.

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

e. New Commissioner Packet Commissioner Sweet along with EMU Fellows will continue to work the packet. Hope to have a draft by next meeting.

f. By-laws and Committees- By-laws were approved last meeting. The Committee structure was too large and has now been broken down into three committees:

Park Projects & Funding

Programming & Events

Adopt-A-Park & Commission Development

It is suggested that each Commissioner will serve on a minimum of one committee.

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 Conference Feb. 6-9, 2018 Commissioner Sweet will be attending. Open to others. In Detroit.

i. Other Old Business- None

## **7. New Business**

a. Fall River Day Planning-Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> At Huron River Watershed Office. Commissioner Sweet will be attending. Open to others. Former Commissioner Bob K. will still continue to help.

b. mParks Community Service Award Nominations-Still time to submit names.

c. Priority Projects- Master Plan Items will be pulled out of the Master Plan

d. 2018 Commission Goals-will be addressed next month.

**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 from Commissioners. Guests asked clarify questions for their class assignments.

**11. Adjournment** 7:49 It was moved by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Malmer to adjourn at 7:49pm. Motion Passed.

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