



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2021

Time: 7pm.

Location: Meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 closure. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Bonnie Wessler.

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners Present were Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Dillion Navarre, Cherisa Allen, Kurt Kohlmann. Absent were Amanda Marshall and Julia Collins. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present
3. **Approval of Agenda**- Agenda was moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –December 8, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Kohlmann and Commissioner Connor Barrie seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** – Scout Zander Barr presented his plans for the Gaga Pit in Candy Cane Park. Commissioners will vote on his project after the final placement location is chosen.
6. **Old Business**

Ms. Wessler informed us that the DTE lighting has started and hopes to be completed this Friday in Frog Island.
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** Commissioner Thorburn reported the final walk through last Friday. We are moving forward with planning for the Summer with contingency plans.
 - ii. **Senior Center**- Commissioner Sweet reported that mailings went out. Still looking for grants to help support the Center. No known opening time set.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates**- Bonnie Wessler reported that the City is still looking for grants for Frog Island improvements. The DNR stated that we do not have to update our Master Plan as it is all aligned with our present goals. The City is working with Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation and the Ralph Wilson Foundation to improve the paved trails in Riverside Park. No new trails will be added. Trails are an official part of the Border to Border trail. Looking to upgrade the storm water handling in Riverside park also.

9. New Business

a. GaGa Ball Pit-Candy Cane Park Addressed earlier during Public input.

b. Huron River Day The Huron Rivershed Council wants to broaded the park system exposure. No formal event but more of a 30 day challenge with things to complete or see.

c. Ypsi Fall River Day After discussions the Commissioners are concerned about what the event could look like or if we should hold it. Could there be a scaled down version? We will revisit it later.

part of **d..mParks Virtual Conference** Commissioner Sweet will be attending as day job. It will be virtual this year.

e. 2021 Commission Projects Commissioners should think about what they would like to work on this year as projects.

He is **f. 2020 Annual Report** Commissioner Sweet will start work on the Report. in need of pictures.

10. Other Business-

Commissioner Marshall will be moving to continue her education. We will need to look for replacements.

11. Commissioner Comments/Announcements-None

12. Adjournment Moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Navarre. 7:56pm

Next Meeting: February 9, 2021 If we are still under COVID 19 restriction it will be held via Zoom.