



# City of Ypsilanti

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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#### Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2020

Time: 7:00pm.

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

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Julia Collins, Kurt Kohlmann and Dillon Navarre. Commissioner Marshall notified Sweet of absence. Commissioner Allen was absent. Bonnie Wessler, Parking and Projects Director was in attendance along with Andy Aamodt, City Planner
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda moved by Commissioner Conner-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Navarre to approve the agenda. Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –January 14, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Navarre and Commissioner Kohlmann seconded approval. Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** Ms. Wessler shared the Master Plan as part of a public hearing. Four residents and Mayor Bashert were in the audience. Questions were asked and Ms. Wessler was able to answer the questions. The Parks Commission resolved to nominate that this plan be presented to the City Council at their next meeting and vote for approval. Moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Navarre. Passed.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. **Adopt A Park Updates** Conner-Barrie stated that he will have an update at the next meeting.
7. **Friends Group Updates**
  - i. **Rutherford Pool**-work is continuing on time. Planning for the season has already started.
  - ii. **Senior Center**- Meeting tomorrow. Photographer and videographer hired for promotional work. Generations United is an intergenerational organization that is working with the Center.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Capital improvements this year will likely be new playground equipment at Candy Cane Park, a couple of park signs and some tree removal. At Penn Park steps may need to be removed for safety reasons. How much that may be accomplished will depend on the final cost of the playground.

**9. Commission Committee Updates:**

a. Commissioner Sweet reported on the Community Clean up Day. Looks like it will be very similar to last year. May 16th

**10. Other Old Business-** None

**11. New Business-**

a. **mParks Awards.** The Commission decided to nominate Bob Krzewinsk

and the Friends of Rutherford Pool for the mParks Award.

b. **mParks Virtual 5K** we hope to earn more money this year. Money raised would go towards a historical marker for Candy Cane Park honoring Carolyn King.

c. **Proposal to move meeting night.** Commissioner Allen may be able to attend if we move our night to Wednesday. Ms. Wessler will check with her and Commissioner Sweet will check with Marshall to see if it will work with her.

**12. Other Business-** Need to move our March 10 meeting to March 3 due to elections being held in Senior Center. Moved by Kohlmann and seconded by Connor-Barrie. Passed

**13. Commissioner Comments/Announcements** None

**14. Adjournment** Commissioner Connor-Barrie moved for adjournment at 8:14pm and Commissioner Collins seconded. Passed

**Next Meeting:** March 3, 2020 at Senior Center 7pm NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF SCHEDULE DUE TO ELECTIONS ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>.