



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 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 7:08pm
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Julia Collins, Kurt Kohlmann and Amanda Marshall. Commissioner Navarre notified Sweet of absence. Commissioner Allen was absent. DPW Director Ron Aker was present to represent the City.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda moved by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Conner-Barrie to approve the agenda. Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –February 11, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Conner-Barrie and Commissioner Marshall seconded approval. Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** Commissioners introduced themselves to Ron Aker.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Adopt A Park Updates** Conner-Barrie stated provided Commissioners with a google doc to look over. He has reduced the pages. Hopes to have the ability to fill it out online and then to have it sent out to several emails including the DPW.
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool**-work is continuing on time. Planning for the season has already started. Board meeting tomorrow. Video on Facebook page of the update.
 - ii. **Senior Center**- Generations United is an intergenerational organization that is working with the Center has continued programming. The Center is looking for new ways to fundraise, seeking donations and scholarships.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Mr. Akers informed the Commissioners that tree removal will begin in Frog Island this Spring. A RFP has been issued to replace the Candy Cane Park playground equipment. The playland may be moved closer to Roosevelt Street. More discussion needs to be conducted before the decision is made. City will take over the Freighthouse on April 1st.

9. Commission Committee Updates:

a. Commissioner Sweet reported on Fall River Day. Huron River Watershed is still interested in co-hosting with the Commission. September 20th or 27th has been proposed. There is around \$1,000 left in the bank. Around \$2,500 total to run the event.

10. Other Old Business- None

11. New Business-

a. **Frog Island Light Pole Resolution** DTE has standard lights that can be put up in the park. If we choose one of the standard lights it can be replaced quickly by DTE if there is an accident to one. Commissioners agreed on the Fluted design. Commissioner Sweet read the Resolution, Commissioner Conner-Barrie moved for acceptance, Commissioner Marshall seconded. Passed.

12. Other Business-

a. Meeting with Ypsilanti Township Recreation. Commissioner Sweet has met with some of the Township Commissioners. There has been a lot of turnover in their staff and they are looking at making some changes and possibly collaborating with the City more.

13. Commissioner Comments/Announcements Next meeting is April 14th. Back to the second Tuesday.

14. Adjournment Commissioner Connor-Barrie moved for adjournment at 8:02 pm and Commissioner Collins seconded. Passed

Next Meeting: April 14, 2020 at Senior Center 7pm