

Meeting

Date: March 20, 2023

Time: 7pm.

Location: Meeting was held at City Hall 1 South Huron St. Ypsilanti, Mi 48197. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Bonnie Wessler

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Navarre called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Present were, Cathy Thorburn, Brian Merlos, Ben Connor-Barrie Youth Commissioner Lola Malmer, Dillion Navarre. Absent Tarik Fermin, Blake Harrity (excused).
City of Ypsilanti DPS Director Bonnie Wessler and City Council member and liaison Evan Sweet were present.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** It was moved by Commissioner Merlos and seconded by Commissioner Connor-Barrie to approve the agenda. Vote- passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** – February 20, 2023, minutes. Moved for approval by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Malmer seconded approval. Vote passed
5. **Audience Participation**-None
6. **Presentations**– None
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Fall River Day-** Discuss regarding the date being the day of the eve of Yom Kippur. In the future we will look at where the date falls and try to not be on the same day. Evan Sweet has been the representative from the commission and City with Huron River Watershed and our other partners. He will create a guide to assist anyone else who will run the event in the future.
 - b. **2023 Commission Projects Discussion** There was not a follow up discussion for this topic this week.
 - c. **Peninsular Dam Update-** A grant was submitted for the dam removal.
8. **New Business-**
 - a. **mParks Hall of Fame Nominates:** Discussion was held around possible submissions for the Service Category and the Individual Category. Little League and EMU Sierra Club were Service Groups and Monica Prince (Senior Center), Dave Strenski (Ypsi Solar) and Evan Sweet (Past Parks and Rec member and current City Council member). Selected were Little League and Monica Prince. Commissioner Conner-Barrie moved and Commissioner Merlos seconded. Passed
9. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** – Ms Wessler said that the agreement between the city and the Little League is very close to being done. The city has a new reservation system for the parks. It will be able to be accessed by more staff.
10. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** Staff are still waiting to hear whether have been awarded the money that was allocated last year for free swim lessons.
 - ii. **Senior Center** Still working on the Generation United programming.

iii. **Parkridge** New onsite director. Summer programming is being developed.

11. Future Business Discussion/Updates & Announcements None

12. Adjournment 7:47pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm April 17, 2023 City Council chambers at 1 S. Huron St. Ypsilanti, Mi 48197

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