



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: April 10, 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 7:03pm, April 10, 2018 at Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 N. Congress St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197
2. **Roll Call** Commissioners in attendance were Evan Sweet, Ben Barrie, Delois Wilson, Cathy Thorburn, Amanda Marshall and Kurt Kohlmann. Absent Ashanti Harris (notified), Conan Malmer and Linda Horne. City Liaison, Joe Meyers was also present.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was moved for approval by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann. Passed
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from February 13 and March 13 were reviewed. Both were moved for approval by Commissioner Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann. Passed
5. **Introductions/Public Comment & Presentation**
 - a. **Canoe Livery/Outdoor Recreation Presentation.** Cheryl Samm from the City of Ann Arbor and Elizabeth Riggs representing Huron River Watershed Council shared a presentation on the use of the Huron River. The Huron River is 104 miles of recreation and economic impact on cities and towns. It is a regional and national designation. The Ann Arbor livery is the largest municipality run livery in the state. On average there is a \$100,000 profit each year that is used to supplement other recreation programming in Ann Arbor.
 - b. **Riverside Park Playground-** Mr. Meyers presented to the board the proposed play structure. He reported on the feedback that was given to him at a public input meeting that was held the night before. Were Commissioner Sweet and Thorburn were in attendance. Commissioners thought that it was a good concept and met ADA needs with the exception of the swings where we would like to see swings to meet infant up to 12 years. Mr. Meyers was just brought on to the project and didn't have all the answers concerning the CDBG funding. He believes that the project cost is covered by the CDBG funding but has to research it more. Commissioner Barrie moved that we support

the concept of the playground that was presented with the alterations that were suggested. Commissioner Marshall seconded. Passed

- c. **Prospect Park Playground-** City Councilman Pete Murdock requested funds for a new play surfacing for the playground at Prospect Park. The old method doesn't last long and they can't keep the weeds down. The work will be done largely on Ypsilanti Proud Day with DPS doing some removal of old mulch ahead of time. The Y.I.E.S School also uses the playground for recess. The Friends of Prospect Park are asking for Ypsilanti Community Schools to help pay for the material. It is not known how much they may pay, yet. Mr. Murdock request \$8,500 to cover the weed barrier cover, materials to hold it in place and the engineered playground surfacing. Commissioner Barrie moved to approve up to \$8,500 out of the Park Capital Improvement Fund with the expectation that with whatever money from Ypsilanti Community Schools be added back into the fund. Seconded by Commissioner Marshall. Passed

6. Old Business

- a. **Adopt-A-Park Updates-** Commissioner Barrie reported on the community garden at Frog Island. Ms. Shankweller was also in attendance. Some headway has been made in regards to cleaning up the area but due to the lack of an agreement she is unable to complete some of the work. Chairman Sweet will continue to work with DPS in trying to help them come to an working agreement with the participants of the community garden.
- b. **Friends Groups Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool-** Web page has been updated with the proposed layout for the pool bath house renovation. Staff are being hired. Outreach is taking place with YCS, Parkridge and the YMCA.
 - ii. **Senior Center-**Chairman Sweet reported that the Center is trying to focus on being more strategic with their needs to help them streamline their grant requests. Commissioner Wilson mentioned that there is a jewelry sale as a fundraiser on June 2nd from 9am-4pm. They are looking for donations of jewelry and volunteers.
 - iii. **Ypsi Baseball Project-** No report
- c. **City Updates** Mr. Meyers reported that we are closer to opening the trail. A section of concrete has to be poured on the trail but we have to wait until the frost levels are lifted for the trucks to drive on. Mr. Meyers does not know when this would occur.
- d. **Fall River Days-** Chairman Sweet reported that Leslie Science Center will be back with their Birds of Prey and River Creatures.

The price will be the same as last year. A butterfly house was not available. Looking into the library coming out and reading selected books aloud.

- e. **Ypsilanti Proud Day**-May 19th Mr. Murdock would like assistance with spreading the mulch. The mini soccer field is in the works for Parkridge. They will try to make it usable for other games with markings on the ground. There is concern about the fencing between the tennis court and basketball court. Prep work needs to be done on the surface. Other quotes need to be taken.
 - f. **Park Priority Projects & Commissioner Goals**- Due to the lateness of the night this is tabled. Please go on line and address this.
 - g. **Committee Updates**- Due to the lateness of the night this is tabled. Chairman Sweet will send an email out with corrected information.
 - h. **Other Old Business**-none
- 7. New Business**
- a. **Adopt-A-Park Friends of Neighborhood Parks**-this was presented at the last meeting but we did not have a quorum. Commissioner Barrie moved we accept their application and Commissioner Kohlmann seconded. Passed
 - b. **Parks Capital Fund**-questions were brought up to Mr. Meyer regarding who is allowed to take money out of the account. Money was taken to repair the gazebo in February but it had not been brought to this board. Mr. Meyer is unsure. This list was new to him.
- 8. Other Business**
- YMCA** Colette Hemker reported on Fitness in the Park. Second Saturdays of the months May-September. Cost is \$5 per class or \$20 for all five classes. Day of registration is \$7.
- Parkridge-Zumba
 - Recreation-Beginner strength training with resistance bands
 - Prospect-Cardio Hip Hop
 - Candy Cane Intro to Yoga
 - Riverside-Wellness Walking
9. **Commissioner Comments/Announcements** –Commission Thorburn questioned where Commissioner Horne is. Per by-laws she might need to be dropped from the Commission. Chairman Sweet will try and follow up with her.
10. **Adjournment** Meeting was called to a close at 9:07pm by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Barrie. Passed

Next meeting May 8, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Ypsilanti Senior Center 1015 N. Congress Ypsilanti, MI 48197