



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Parks & Recreation

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9, 2021

Time: 7pm.

Location: Meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 closure.

1. Call To Order
 - a. At 7:08 PM by Commissioner Sweet
2. Roll Call
 - a. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **P__**,**A__**. From City of Ypsilanti
 - b. Commissioner Collins **P__**,**A__**. Tardy at 7:12 From City of Ypsilanti
 - c. Commissioner Sweet **P__**,**A__**.From City of Ypsilanti
 - d. Commissioner Thorburn **P__**,**A__**.From City of Ypsilanti
 - e. Commissioner Allen **P__**,**A__**.
 - f. Commissioner Kohlmann **P__**,**A__**. From City of Ypsilanti
 - g. Commissioner Navarre **P__**,**A__**. From City of Ypsilanti
3. Approval of Agenda,
 - a. Motion by Commissioner Navarre, 2nd by Commissioner Kohlmann
 - i. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **Yes**
 - ii. Commissioner Collins **Absent**
 - iii. Commissioner Sweet **Yes**
 - iv. Commissioner Thorburn **Yes**
 - v. Commissioner Allen **Absent**
 - vi. Commissioner Kohlmann **Yes**
 - vii. Commissioner Navarre **Yes**
4. Approval of minutes
 - a. Motion by Commissioner Kohlmann, 2nd By Commissioner Connor-Barrie
 - i. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **Yes**
 - ii. Commissioner Collins **Absent**
 - iii. Commissioner Sweet **Yes**
 - iv. Commissioner Thorburn **Yes**
 - v. Commissioner Allen **Absent**
 - vi. Commissioner Kohlmann **Yes**
 - vii. Commissioner Navarre **Yes**
5. Introduction / Public Comment Presentation
 - a. None

6. City of Ypsilanti Updates

- a. Project Manager, Bonnie Wessler--looking at maybe doing special events in the parks again. Juneteenth event going forward. Beer Fest is not planning on returning at this point.
- b. City Council Member Wilcoxon--Friends of Rutherford Pool. We were helping put on the solar panels over the weekend. Lots of people showed up and put in good work.

7. Friends group updates

i. Pool:

1. Commissioner Thorburn--Positive comments on the remodeling. Outreach to YCS and some orgs. at EMU. Great start to the year. Full programming starts next week. We may be able to run the triathlon after all but On smaller scale, maybe not as fundraiser.

ii.

1. Commissioner Sweet--Senior center updates--hiring part time administrative assistant to assist director. Slowly expanding in-person programs, including meal programs, hopefully. Bringing back exercise classes. Knitting program has returned.

8. New business:

a. Nomination of officers

i. Chair:

1. Commissioner Connor-Barrie nominates Commissioner Sweet, Commissioner Navarre seconds.
 - a. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **Yes**
 - b. Commissioner Collins **Yes**
 - c. Commissioner Sweet **Yes**
 - d. Commissioner Thorburn **Yes**
 - e. Commissioner Allen **Absent**
 - f. Commissioner Kohlmann **Yes**
 - g. Commissioner Navarre **Yes**

ii. Vice Chair:

1. Commissioner Kohlmann nominates Connor Barrie, Commissioner Sweet seconds.
 - a. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **Yes**
 - b. Commissioner Collins **Yes**
 - c. Commissioner Sweet **Yes**
 - d. Commissioner Thorburn **Yes**
 - e. Commissioner Allen **Absent**

- f. Commissioner Kohlmann **Yes**
 - g. Commissioner Navarre **Yes**
 - iii. Secretary:
 - 1. Connor-Barrie nominates Thorburn, Commissioner Kohlmann seconds
 - a. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **Yes**
 - b. Commissioner Collins **Yes**
 - c. Commissioner Sweet **Yes**
 - d. Commissioner Thorburn **Yes**
 - e. Commissioner Allen **Absent**
 - f. Commissioner Kohlmann **Yes**
 - g. Commissioner Navarre **Yes**
- b. Fall River Day
 - i. Commissioner Sweet--Watershed Council reached out and has funding from REI. Focus would be the river trip. Time range would be late Sept. or early Oct.
 - ii. Commissioner Connor-Barrie. It would be a heavy lift, tight timetable, but people would love it so let's do it if we can.
 - iii. Commissioner Collins--I concur.
 - iv. Commissioner Sweet--I think we can do this. It can be pulled off, we have a template.
 - v. City Council Member Wilcoxon--Have we ever tried to do river trip from Penn. Park?
 - vi. Commissioner Sweet--we have not, expanded from land based activities at Riverside so it makes sense to send boats from Frog Island.
 - vii. City Council Member Wilcoxon--Perhaps we can incorporate something about the Penn Park Dam Removal with the fest.
- c. mParks Virtual 5k
 - i. Commissioner Sweet--last year we had good participation, we were in top 5 or top 10. It will take place in Sept., we should start registration soon. Last time we used our money to buy a historic sign. If you give people a specific fundraising project.
 - ii. Commissioner Collins--We can see if we get extra prizes from local businesses. If we start earlier, we can get more. People who do races are really eager
 - iii. Commissioner Sweet--what are the thoughts on using this money for specific project?
 - iv. Commissioner Connor-Barrie--how much did we raise last time?

- v. Commissioner Sweet--It's a few thousand dollars for a historical marker
- vi. City Council Member Wilcoxon--A constituent brought the documentary about the first girl to play little league in Michigan. This could help with fundraising.
- vii. Project Manager, Bonnie Wessler--last year we got about \$280 and change. Should still be set aside.
- viii. Commissioner Sweet--Are we ok to move forward with this? Do we need a vote for this?
- ix. Wessler--we need a parks and rec. Resolution eventually.
- x. **Resolution:**
 - 1. Whereas Candy Cane park was the site of the first Little League game in which a girl, Carolyn King, played
 - 2. Whereas there is currently no historical marker
 - 3. Whereas the mParks virtual 5k remits to local communities a portion of registration fees
 - 4. Whereas the commission promotes and supports participation in the virtual 5k
 - 5. Now therefore be it resolved that the parks and recreation commission directs that the proceeds remitted to the city be directed to fund a historical marker in candy cane honoring this historic event
 - 6. Motion to approve by Commissioner Connor-Barrie, Second by Commissioner Navarre
 - a. Commissioner Connor-Barrie **Yes**
 - b. Commissioner Collins **Yes**
 - c. Commissioner Sweet **Yes**
 - d. Commissioner Thorburn **Absent**
 - e. Commissioner Allen **Absent**
 - f. Commissioner Kohlmann **Yes**
 - g. Commissioner Navarre **Yes**
- d. Other new business
 - i. Commissioner Connor-Barrie--Resident brought forward issues of speeding in the parking lot at riverside park and also no dedicated non-motorized path coming from Cross Street.
 - 1. Commissioner Collins--The park has been very busy.
 - 2. Commissioner Navarre--I've seen a lot of people parking in the park part.
 - 3. Commissioner Sweet--No quick fix, but if we re-do the paths we can fix this then.

- ii. Commissioner Collins--pop up dance party on the 12th, Also on the 26th. Donations go to Ypsi Pride. 5 pm at Frog Island Park stage.
9. Motion to Adjourn at 7:53 from Commissioner Connor Barrie, Seconded by Commissioner Collins.