



City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: June 12, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

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

1. Call to Order, 7:11 Commission Sweet calls meeting to order

2. Roll Call

Evan Sweet, Krut Kholmann, Ashanti Harris, Ben Connor Barrie

City Staff Representative: Bonnie Wessler – Planning Dept.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Commission Kohlmann, seconded by Commissioner Harris,

Unanimous Approval

4. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann,

Unanimous Approval

5. Introductions - None

6. Old Business

a. Adopt-a-Park

Candy Cane Park, making general updates. Friends of the Tot Lots application approved. They will be doing some gardening

Frog Island Garden - Some site improvements have happened.

Commission will reach out FICG regarding next steps

b. Friends updates

i. Rutherford pool is open for the season!

ii. Senior Center

Elected new board member. Monica is preparing to work on drafting a MOU with the city similar to the Pool for operation of the senior center for when the senior center becomes a nonprofit. Meeting city regarding: employment, insurance, ownership, operation. Won't happen until there is an approved 501c3. Big topic was alcohol, and rental events. In a city facility there should be no alcohol allowed. Fees go up from \$50/hr to \$60 per hour. That is being submitted to council Bonnie says this will be on the agenda on the 19th. Grants--they did secure a \$30,000 grant (maybe more) to start new programs. 3 years, \$10,000 per year for wages. More programs. NPNA garage sale and they raised \$350.

- c. City of Ypsilanti update
 - Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation allocated up to \$60,000 for playground in Riverside Park. Slated for installation later this year. After festival season (early September)
 - Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation will be match for grant form Tony Hawk Foundation. for skate park in Ypsilanti area.
 - Water Street Trail--waiting on more engineering work, hopefully open in calendar year 2018
- d. Park priority projects and commission goals
 - Commission will keep refining
- e. Committee Updates
 - a. Park Projects and Funding
 - Postponed until next meeting
 - b. Programming, events and Communication
 - Fall River Day is coming together.
 - Canoe take out is happening
 - YDL is doing a story time
 - Marketing and posters
 - There will be a DJ
 - Will be hosting a promotional table First Friday in Sept.
 - Will be bringing in a canoe expert to teach how to paddle Ypsi Proud
 - More volunteers are needed. Planning to begin earlier.
 - Looking to bring site captains into planning sooner.
 - Signature project may be voted upon.
 - Post Event Picnic:
 - Attendance has dropped, maybe do a kickoff breakfast.
 - c. Adopt-a-Park
 - See section 6.a for updates on Adopt-a-Park
- f. Other old business
 - Gaga Pit was installed in Prospect Park. Kids are playing in it.

7. New Business

- a. Parks Capital Fund
 - Idea is to catch up on maintenance
 - This money is not coming yet
- b. Park System Tour/Project Planning
 - After deciding on a day, we will tour the parks and assess their condition

8. Other Business

Parks plan update--we should start soon. It expires in 2019. Need to complete by 2019. After we approve, council approves, planning commission looks at it, DNR approves it.

Looking for more Commissioners.

Nomination of officers -Commissioner Harris motions to table election.

Commissioner Connor-Barrie Seconds, Unanimous Approval

9. Commissioner Comments/Announcements - none

10. Adjournment

Motioned by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Connor-Barrie , meeting adjourned at 8:09. Unanimous.