



*Parks & Recreation*

# City of Ypsilanti

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2020

Time: 7:00pm.

Location: Meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID 19 closure. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Andrew Hellenga. Normally the meeting would have been on the second Tuesday (June 9) but it had to be moved.

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie,, Kurt Kohlmann, Amanda Marshall, Cherisa Allen, Dillion Navarre were all present. Commissioner Collins was absent. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda was amended to include an Adopt A Park application moved by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Navarre to approve the agenda. Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –May 12, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Kohlmann seconded approval. Passed.
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** Guest Nicole Beverly representing the The Enough Initiative asked for advice how to host an event in the parks for her organization. Commissioners gave input and Commissioner Sweet will email her the application for events in the park.
6. **Old Business** None
7. **Friends Group Updates**
  - i. **Rutherford Pool** Commissioner Thorburn reported. Work continues on the pool. Feedback from patrons have been supportive of the closure for the summer due to construction and COVID 19.
  - ii. **Senior Center-** Commissioner Sweet reported. The County Parks and Recreation has again donated \$10,000 for three years for the Senior Center, Pool and Parkridge Center. The Senior Center is trying to figure out if they can do a drive up Corn Roast as a fundraiser this year.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Ms Wessler reported that the parks are all open now and mowing is up to date. The Border to Border Trail work will start in Frog Island on Monday. Grants from Mparks will install bike repair stations in Parkridge Park, Senior Center and Frog Island. Side walk repair will occur near Water's Edge park. The City has applied for a grant for the pedestrian bridge across Huron Street and I94.
9. **New Business**

**A. Elections** Chairmen nominations were Sweet and Connor-Barrie. Connor-Barrie declined. Connor Barrie moved and Kohlmann seconded a vote for Sweet. Unanimous roll call vote to approve.

Vice-Chair nominations were Thorburn, Kohlmann and Marshall. Thorburn and Kohlmann declined. Kohlmann moved and Connor-Barrie seconded Marshall for the position. Unanimous roll call vote to approve

Secretary- nominations were Thorburn and Navarre. Navarre declined. Sweet moved and Marshall seconded the nomination of Thorburn. Unanimous roll call vote to approve.

Positions take effect after the conclusion of the meeting.

**B. Photo Challenge.** July is National Parks and Recreation month. We, along with the Township are hosting the photo challenge during the month of July. Looking for prizes for the winners. Original photos.

**C. Adopt A Park** application. Eagle Scout Project proposal for a native pollination garden. Commissioners are concerned who will do the upkeep after the project, the plants that were listed were not all native and a location had not been chosen. Commissioner Sweet will contact the scout with Commissioners' concerns.

**10. Other Buisness-**

A member of College Heights neighborhood has posted on Facebook the desire to host a yoga class in Candy Cane Park. Would need an application if charging a fee. If it is a come as you may or for donation they can just show up.

Commissioners were sent an email by Ms. Wessler as an invitation to the ground breaking ceremony Monday at 3pm for Border to Border trail in Frog Island.

The boards on the Waterworks bridge need replacing.

**14. Adjournment** Commissioner Connor-Barrie moved for adjournment at 8:05 pm and Commissioner Marshall seconded. Passed

**Next Meeting:** July 14, 2020 likely to be another Zoom/virtual type of meeting.