



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14 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 Bonnie Wessler..

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Sweet called the meeting to order at 7:10pm
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie,, Cherisa Allen, Dillion Navarre, and Julia Collins were all present. Commissioners Kurt Kohlmann, Amanda Marshall were absent. Bonnie Wessler and Christopher Jacobs from the City were present
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda was moved by Commissioner Connor- Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Navarre to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –June 18, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Navarre seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed.
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & None**
6. **Old Business** None
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** Commissioner Thorburn reported. No update at this point.
 - ii. **Senior Center-** Commissioner Sweet reported. Still doing online/virtual classes. Not sure when they can open back up. Still trying to figure out fundraising opportunities.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Ms Wessler reported on progress of Candy Cane park play structure. Contractor has to finalized. Takes around 7 weeks for equipment to arrive. Will try to time so playground in not out of commission for too long.
Christopher Jacobs reported on the playground at Parkridge park design meetings. Anthony Morgan will help facilitate an online meeting and there are two in person meetings for public input. July 22 5-6P30 pm and August 5, 12pm-8pm. Construction should take place this year. \$150,000 grant money.
9. **New Business**
 - A. **Mparks Virtual 5K** scheduled for September. Monies will be split between Mparks and cities that have submitted projects. Commissioner

Sweet submitted our idea for an historic marker for Carolyn King the first female little league player to be placed in Candy Cane Park.

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. YMCA Programming The Y is hosting it's Y on the Fly program in some Ypsilanti locations. Prospect Park and a church on Hamilton. They are keeping the numbers lower and sanitizing the equipment. The Safety Around Water program had resources last week for families.

10. Other Business-

Commissioner Sweet informed the commission that he and Commissioner Connor-Barrie have been in contact with the Adopt A Park Pollinator applicant Juno Ryan. Juno has been in contact with Monica Prince from the Senior Center about having the garden on the north side of the building. Ron Akers will likely need to give approval as there is not a use agreement with the Center. Bonnie will check and let us know if we need to be involved.

14. Adjournment Commissioner Connor-Barrie moved for adjournment at 8:05 pm and Commissioner Collins seconded. Roll Call vote, Passed

Next Meeting: August 11, 2020 Not sure of the location due to COVID-19 restrictions. May have a meeting in a park pavilion that is accessible for all.