



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14, 2021

Time: 7pm.

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 7:06 pm.
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners with new procedure of location and county of person while on Zoom meeting. Present were Evan Sweet (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Cathy Thorburn (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Ben Connor-Barrie (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Kurt Kohlmann (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Julia Collins (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County), Absent was Dillion Navarre (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County). We were informed that Cherisa Allen (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County) has resigned from the Commission. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present. Ms. Wessler informed us that if we wanted to excuse or unexcused a board member, we will have to take a vote.
3. **Approval of Agenda**- It was moved by Commissioner Connor-Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –June 9, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Kohlmann and Commissioner Collins seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** – There was one person in the waiting room but did not raise hand to speak.
6. **City of Ypsilanti Updates.** Ms. Wessler mentioned that the Friday night Jazz in the Park (Riverside) has been very successful. Council has approved the repaving of the basketball court in Parkridge Park. Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation and the City are meeting to go over the improvements in Frog Island. There are some erosion issues. The city borrowed a pump from EMU to drain the water from Frog Island due to the flood. All of the grass has not returned. A lot of comments regarding trash pick-up in the parks. Less workers, the holiday and more people out and about using the park has led to the increased piles. They pick up on Friday and Monday.
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** -Keeping the number at 150. Have only hit it once on July 5th when it was a holiday and hot. Things are going well. Pass price will be reduced on the 14th of July.

ii. Senior Center- The Center has hired a part time administrative assistant for Monica. In person is kept to around 20. Sept 1 rentals may start with 62 as the max.

8. New Business

a. . Huron River Day Everyday Update Dan and Pam from the Watershed Council have met with Evan. Will focus on paddle trips and less on land activities. Looking at Sept. 18 or 19. Ms. Wessler will look at the proposed dates of removal of train tracks on Spring St which may interfere with the takeout spot. Will see if all can be coordinated.

b. Parks and Recreation Month July is Parks and Recreation month. Will start putting items on social media. Send pictures to Commissioner Sweet and Ms. Wessler.

10. Other Business- Commissioner Sweet asked Ms. Wessler if she knew if it had been the city that delivered mulch to the Charles St. Tot Lot and if she knew if the sand/gravel would be coming for the digging pit. She will check. Candy Cane Park has thistles growing where the old playground was. They will chemically remove them.

11. Commissioner Comments/Announcements- None

12. Adjournment 7:49 pm.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2021 If we are still under COVID 19 restriction it will be held via Zoom.