

Meeting

Date: July 18, 2022

Time: 7pm.

Location: Meeting was held at the Council chambers in City Hall at 1 S. Huron Ypsilanti, Mi 48197. It was recorded and hosted by the City of Ypsilanti Staff Ron Akers

1. **Call to Order** Commissioner Navarre called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
Roll Call Present were, Cathy Thorburn, Dillon Navarre, Brian Merlos, new commissioner Blake Harrity and new youth members Tarik Fermin, and Lola Malmer. Julia Collins is waiting to be sworn in. Absent was Ben Connor-Barrie. City of Ypsilanti Ron Akers and Christopher Jacobs; City Council member and liaison Evan Sweet were present. Youth members are not allowed to vote.
2. **Approval of Agenda**- It was moved by Commissioner Merlos and seconded by Commissioner Thorburn to approve the agenda. Roll call vote passed.
3. **Approval of the Minutes** – June 20, 2022, minutes. Moved for approval by Commissioner Harrity and Commissioner Merlos seconded approval. Roll call vote passed
4. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** – Christopher Jacobs presented the new proposed Special Events Policy. After discussion and questions were answered the Commission supported the Policy. Commissioner Merlos moved and Commissioner Thorburn seconded Roll call vote passed.
5. **City of Ypsilanti Updates.**
Mr. Akers updated the Commission on the Parkridge Mural which was to be painted this coming week. The pavilion concrete and ADA walkway will be put out to bid next month with a deadline for the end of June 2023. The softball field is to be rehabilitated. There is a grant to cover it. There are two different proposals for locations. Prospect Park will have the playground equipment updated. The Border to Border Trail has had an increase in grant money from the county. The Freighthouse will have the floors sanded. Senior Center will get a new electrical panel.
6. **Elections:** Due to Evan Sweet being appointed to Ward 3 City Council he had to step down from the Parks Commission.
Nomination for Chair was Commissioner Navarre-accepted. Moved by Commissioner Merlos and seconded by Commissioner Thorburn. Roll call vote passed.
Vice Chair nomination was for Commissioner Merlos-accepted. Moved by Commissioner Navarre and seconded by Commissioner Harrity. Roll call vote passed
7. **Friends Group Updates**
 - i. **Rutherford Pool** -Commissioner Thorburn The summer is in full swing. The lessons are full. Water exercise classes are full. The fundraiser for the 13th is off. The triathlon is still on for the 13th.
 - ii. **Senior Center** has its Corn Roast fundraiser on July 30th.
 - iii. **Parkridge** no representatives

8. Old Business

Fall River Day City Council Representative Sweet reminded that the date is September 25th from 12-3pm. The route will still be Frog Island to Spring St. They may keep all activities on Frog Island to avoid confusion. There is an upcoming meeting next week.

10. Other Business/Commissioner Comments/Announcements -None

11. Adjournment 7:56 pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm August 15, 2022 City Council chambers at 1 S. Huron St. Ypsilanti, Mi 48197

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