



*Parks & Recreation*

# City of Ypsilanti

## Parks & Recreation Commission

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### Meeting Minutes

Date: August 10, 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 7:11 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), Absent were Julia Collins and Dillion Navarre. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present along with City Council member Steve Wilcoxon.
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Amendments were made to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Kohlmann and seconded by Commissioner Connor-Barrie to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –July 14, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Connor-Barrie and Commissioner Kohlmann seconded approval. Roll call vote, Passed
5. **Introduction/Public Comment & Presentations** – No visitors
6. **City of Ypsilanti Updates.** Ms Wessler presented the Commission with proposed changes to Chapter 78 Parks and Public Property. It concerns changes in reference to gender use and some discrimination terms. The Commission moved (Connor-Barrie) seconded (Thorburn) to make the recommended changes as presented to the City Council for approval. Roll call vote/Passed  
Bylaw changes concerning absences and if absences are excused/unexcused. Will address this in September.  
Border 2 Border Trail has a new interactive map on their web page.  
Basketball court at Parkridge is getting resurfaced. Started last week.  
Merry go round in Riverside Park has been repaired. Warranty issue.  
Jazz Fest has been a success.  
Mr. Wilcoxon reported on the Penn Park Dam removal. Focus groups will be starting. The first one is with the landowners and the next will be for the recreational users. Meeting will be held later place/time be determined. All input will go to DNR.

## **7. Friends Group Updates**

**i. Rutherford Pool** -Keeping the number at 150. Have only hit it three times. Requiring mask wearing again at the pool. Labor Day is last day. Commissioner Sweet would like pictures of the pool/bath house for resubmission for the mParks award.

**ii. Senior Center**- Center is back to full staffing. Programs have limited capacity. Masks are recommended but not required. There will be a quilt raffle in September. December starts the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a year long celebration. Hopefully in the Spring will be an in-person event.

## **8. New Business**

**A. Luna Lake Workday**- Commissioner Connor-Barrie will help lead the clean-up. Planning a workday in the Fall. Commissioner Sweet will coordinate with Ms. Wessler and interested person.

**B. Huron River Day Everyday Update** Still up in the air. Not sure that we can use Ann Arbor canoes. Take out is still in limbo as the construction has begun on the railroad track removal on Spring St.

## **10. Other Business-**

- 11. Commissioner Comments/Announcements-** Commissioner Thorburn pointed out that the phone number on the letter footer is incorrect for the pool. The correct number is 905-7391.  
There is an open house tomorrow at the Freighthouse to discuss road changes/improvements in Ypsilanti. Also discussed will be the pedestrian bridge over 94.

## **12. Adjournment 8:13.**

**Next Meeting:** September 14, 2021 If we are still under COVID 19 restriction it will be held via Zoom.