



Parks & Recreation

City of Ypsilanti

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 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 7:07pm
2. **Roll Call** Introductions of Commissioners present were, Evan Sweet, Cathy Thorburn, Ben Connor-Barrie, Cherisa Allen, Dillion Navarre, Julia Collins, Kurt Kohlmann, and Amanda Marshall were all present. Bonnie Wessler from the City was present
3. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda was moved by Commissioner Connor- Barrie and seconded by Commissioner Kohlmann to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, Passed.
4. **Approval of the Minutes** –July 14, 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. FORP Board is preparing a letter to go out to members and supportive pool people. YMCA will be hosting an event on the grounds of the pool to encourage young girls to swim and have a healthy outlook.
 - ii. **Senior Center-** Commissioner Sweet reported. Still doing online/virtual classes. Not sure when they can open back up. A quilt raffle is occurring tickets can be bought this month. A grant proposal is going to the Ann Arbor Community Foundation for PPE when the centers can eventually open up.
8. **City of Ypsilanti Updates** Ms Wessler reported on progress of Candy Cane park play structure. Contractor has been finalized. The plan will be to tear out the end of August/beginning September. Install the new equipment after that. Parkridge Park had their voting on a play structure plan. No further news. It is being overseen by the Washtenaw County of Community Development. Hope would be by the end of this year. Frog Island project is being overseen by the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Still no progress. Concrete for the mParks projects for three bike repair stations (Parkridge, Senior Center and Market Plaza) and for sidewalk along Michigan Avenue near Water Street.

9. New Business

A. Mparks Virtual 5K scheduled for September. Monies will be split between Mparks and cities that have submitted projects. Commissioner Sweet has published our idea for an historic marker for Carolyn King the first female little league player to be placed in Candy Cane Park and we are to promote the 5k. Commissioner Julia Collins will share with her running group and contact Mike at Ypsilanti Running Company. People can also donate along with the “run” or just donate.

B. Photo Challenge. July was National Parks and Recreation month. We only received one nomination for our City parks. Commissioner Sweet will pass along the winnings.

C. Annual Report- Please look it over for edits so it can be finalized. Additional info was added to the Master Plan with updates of projects.

10. Other Business-

Commissioner Allen asked about dog walking around Parkridge Park and dog waste management. Ms. Wessler will check with DPS to see if something is possible. Commissioners were in agreement that maybe a dog park needs to be revisited. Commissioner Collins asked about trash pick up in the parks. Ms. Wessler will also check with DPS on this.

14. Adjournment Commissioner Julia Collins moved for adjournment at 7:39pm and Commissioner Conner-Barrie seconded.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2020 Not sure of the location due to COVID-19 restrictions. May have a meeting in a park pavilion that is accessible for all.