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## ORDINANCE NO. 1441

### An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 80, Entitled “Parks and Art”

#### PARKS AND ARTS

##### **Sec. 80-1. Intent.**

The intent of this section is to ~~combine the functions of the Ypsilanti Parks Commission and the Art Commission into one commission named the Ypsilanti Parks and Art Commission~~ describe the powers and duties of the Parks and Art Commission.

##### **Sec. 80-2. Ypsilanti Parks and Art Commission.**

The Ypsilanti Parks and Art Commission Is hereby established.

##### **Sec. 80-3 Advisory.**

The Ypsilanti Parks and Art Commission is strictly advisory. The commission does not have the power to exercise governmental or proprietary authority or perform a governmental or proprietary function and is not subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

##### **Sec. 80-4. Composition.**

The Ypsilanti Parks and Art Commission shall consist of not less than three nor more than 11 members, with no more than three ~~two (2) nonresidents nominated by the mayor or two council members and approved by at least five members of city council, to be appointed in accordance with the City Charter.~~ At no time shall nonresidents be appointed such that they will immediately comprise half or more than half of the seated commissioners. Nonresidents shall be voting members, but shall not be counted for quorum.

##### **Sec. 80-5. Term of office.**

Members shall serve terms of three years. Terms shall be staggered ~~so at least three member terms are rotated each year.~~

##### **Sec. 80-6. By-laws.**

The commission shall set its own by-laws, subject to the approval of city council. By-laws shall include ~~as a minimum of at least three members present to make decisions,~~ provisions for officers, meetings, minutes, posting of minutes, procedure and an annual in-person report to city council. Commission by-laws shall be posted on the city web site.

##### **Sec. 80-7. Purpose and powers.**

~~The commission shall investigate, review, study, examine and explore and debate all areas concerning the parks in the city and art in the city and provide recommendations to city council on parks and art in the city.~~

The Commission shall act as an advisory body addressing the city parks system, public recreation, and art in public spaces in the City of Ypsilanti.

The Commission shall have the powers as outlined:

1. Guide the update of the City of Ypsilanti master plans for parks, recreation and arts, and provide review and comment on other proposed plans and updates for the City..

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2. Make recommendations to the City Council regarding all matters pertaining to the parks system, recreation, and artworks within the City.
  3. Study, formulate, and recommend updated standards and general policies on parks infrastructure, public art, art events, and recreation services on city property and advise on the suitability of related City programs, organization, and financial support.
  4. Review publicly proposed projects related to the city parks, recreation, and artwork, including Adopt-A-Park applications.
  5. Assess and inventory the needs in the parks system, recreational opportunities, and park property and make recommendations for improvements to the City Council and for inclusion in planning documents.
  6. Recommend and review public artworks in parks, with capital projects, City property and facilities, and in other public spaces in the City.
  7. Interpret the objectives of the Parks and Arts Commission to the public and report annually to City Council.
  8. Work with public and private partners to expand arts and recreation opportunities.
  9. The commission shall have all the customary powers of an Ypsilanti board or commission to carry out its purpose, but no power to contract, hire or fire or direct any city employee or bind the city without city council approval.