

Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2015

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue at 7:07pm. Commission members present were Linda Horne (Chair), Bob Krzewinski and Cal Winning. Also present was City Council member Anne Brown.

2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Cal, to accept the July meeting minutes and approve the August agenda, passing unanimously.

3. Introductions

a. Audience Participation – None.

4. Old Business

- a. Adopt A Park Updates – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Cal, to approve two new Adopt-A-Park applications, one by the Sigma Nu Fraternity to clean up trash along City Streets and the second by the Frog Island Community Garden to continue to maintain the Frog Island garden plots. The motion passed unanimously. Bob will forward the applications to the City Public Services Department.
 - i. Friends of Peninsular Park – Peninsular Park was awarded a grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation through the Huron River Watershed Council. Funds will be used to design a butterfly/pollinator garden, identify invasives and areas for restoration, and entrance improvements with educational signage. The Friends Of Peninsular Park and the City Parks & Recreation Commission will give input as the project proceeds.
 - ii. Disc Golf – The group that has adopted this Waterworks Park facility would like to attend a future Commission meeting.
 - iii. Ypsilanti Running Company – Held a work session at Frog Island Park on August 1st and have two others scheduled (August 29 and September 26 with times of 8am to noon).
 - iv. Friends of Prospect Park – No August meeting was held.
 - v. Men Of Heritage – A group is forming to assist with items around Perry Child Development Center.
- b. Friends Groups Updates – Friends of Prospect Park held a work session revitalizing the playground surface in July.
- c. City of Ypsilanti Updates – The Mayor will invite all Adopt A Park groups to the September 1st City Council meeting to thank them for their efforts. Anne will have a copy of the latest City Park Capitol Fee report emailed to Commission members. The City was also awarded a Community Development Block Grant to replace playground equipment at Mattingly and Hefley Parks.
- d. Commission Sponsored events
 - i. Friday Movie Night - will resume in September
 - ii. Labor Day Bridge Walk – 9/7/15 – Will start from Library Plaza Park at 9am. Commission members will help with the hour-long walk.
 - iii. Ypsilanti River Day – 10/11/15 – Bob gave an update on this event with Riverside Park reserved, events lined up and canoe trips being planned.

5. New Business

- a. Summer Commission newsletter – Bob working on this with submissions appreciated.
- b. Commission meeting space – Bob reported the Library is switching to an online meeting room request system but rooms for September/October Commission meetings cannot be booked until August 24th when the new booking system starts.
- c. YpsiParks.org web page – Bob working on this web page.

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6. Partner Updates

- a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – No meeting was held in August with the next meeting of this group working on the City as a water trail point will be September 4th.
- b. Bike Ypsi – This group assisted with a First Friday bicycle ride to the three Ypsilanti Parks (Frog Island, Peninsular, Riverside) where Detroit Institute of Art “Inside-Out” painting are on display until late October. The painting at Riverside Park has recently been damaged by vandals.
- c. City Non-Motorized Advisory Committee – The Committee has recommended to the City sidewalk installation at Candy Cane and Hefley Parks. The Committee will be at the Parkridge Summerfest at Parkridge Park on 8/29 from noon to 4pm with bicycling information, bike tune-ups and free helmet give-aways.
- d. Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission Eastside Recreation Center – Bob gave a short report, as the Commission liaison to the Center’s Design Advisory Committee, and assisted by a design report sent to Commission members by email, on the status of the Center in the Water Street area.

7. Other Business – There will be a ground breaking of the new Border To Border Trail segment in the Water Street area on Thursday, August 20, 4pm at the Water Street parking area at the east end of the Michigan Avenue bridge across the Huron River.

8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Cal, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.