



**City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 10, 2014**

Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue – lower level meeting room

1. Call To Order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm, Thursday, April 10th, 2014 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, Michigan. Commission members in attendance were Bob Krzewinski (meeting Chair), Conan Malmer and Cal Winning.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation – Public Input – None.
 - b. Guest presentations – None.
3. General Business
 - a. Agenda approval – A motion was made by Cal Winning, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to approve the April agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes - A motion was made by Cal Winning, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to approve the January meeting minutes, with no objections.
 - c. New Commission members – A new Commission member packet was discussed and Bob Krzewinski will work on this.
 - d. Other – The Commission web page has been updated through the City website, with the new Park Master Plan now online.
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – None.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – Stan Kirton of Public Services forwarded to the Commission an Adopt-A-Park application from the Ypsilanti American Little League to work on baseball diamond improvements at Recreation, Candy Cane and Waterworks Parks. A motion was made by Cal Winning, seconded by Conan Malmer to approve the application with no objections.
 - c. City and facilities updates – Cal Winning was going to look into possibly reactivating the baseball diamond lights at Waterworks Park.
 - d. Commission priorities – No updates.
 - e. Commission sponsored events – The Commission continues to cosponsor movies, along with the Ypsilanti Historical Society, at the Historical Museum, most Friday nights. Other events discussed included a repeat Ypsilanti Labor Day “bridge walk”, possible night stargazing (with telescopes) at Candy Cane Park and the Fall River Day.
5. Old Business
 - a. Smoke free City parks – Bob Krzewinski will put together a proposal for the May meeting to recommend City Council designate the three City “Tot Lot” Parks (Charles Street, Carrie Mattingly and Edith Hefley) as non-smoking parks. It was also noted that the City Of Ann Arbor is taking steps to ban smoking in more public places there, including parks.
 - b. Frog Island/Riverside Parks – The City is working with the Huron River Watershed Council to improve fish habitat in the Huron River adjacent to Riverside and Frog Island Parks, funded through a Michigan Department of Natural Resources “Aquatic Habitat Grant Program”. The City is also working to obtain foundation funding to take a portion of the Riverside Park concept plan to the engineered plan stage with a special emphasis on areas of the Park that tend to flood in high water/heavy rain times.
6. New Business – The annual City Easter Egg Drop will be held at Frog Island Park on Saturday, April 12. The opening day of Ypsilanti Little League games will be Saturday, April 26.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Cal Winning to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Conan Malmer, and with no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:34pm. The next Commission meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 7pm, at the downtown Ypsilanti District Library.