

City Of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm, September 8, 2015 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members present were Linda Horne (Chair), Bob Krzewinski, Cathy Thorburn and Delois Wilson. Also present was Ypsilanti City Council member Peter Murdock.
2. Approval of agenda and previous minutes – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Linda, to approve an amended agenda to include the Riverside Park playground project. The amended agenda passed unanimously. A motion was then made by Bob, seconded by Linda, to approve the August meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
3. Audience participation – Teresa Gillotti and Cara Talaska gave an update on the Riverside Park playground project, indicating that the group behind the project had raised \$1500 of a \$2000 goal for architectural services, with full funding expected by mid-September. The playground group also requested that they become a formal sub-committee of the Commission to help make the proposal a reality. A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Cathy to form a Riverside Park Playground Sub-Committee, passing unanimously. A motion was also made by Linda, seconded by Bob, to have Cathy serve as the Commission liaison, with Linda as an alternate, passing unanimously. It was also noted that the sub-Committee would have a public input meeting in October and would also be increasing its communications with the public.
4. Old business
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates – Bob passed out an updated list of current and former approved Adopt A Park applications and agreed to work on a revision of the Adopt A Park application.
 - a.i – Friends Of Peninsular Park – Bob indicated that the next meeting of this group would be in October. Pete indicated that there has not been any new action by the construction trades program of Washtenaw Community College on Park improvements.
 - a.ii – Disc Golf – No updates
 - a.iii – Ypsilanti Running Company – This group has adopted the track in Frog Island Park and will be having another cleanup September 26th from 8am to noon.
 - a.iv – Friends of Prospect Park – Pete reported on a summer playground surface work party and a potential fall cleanup. The Friends is also planning a pavilion upgrade, ball field improvements, a skate park improvement grant, new playground mulch. New park signs were also discussed, to include the Police non-emergency number.
 - a.v – Heritage Park Neighborhood Association – No updates.
 - b. Friends groups updates – No updates other than what covered in item 4.a.
 - c. City Of Ypsilanti updates – The Depot Town Association is floating the idea of an ice skating rink in Frog Island Park and Linda will ask that a representative of that group attend a Commission meeting. Delois reported on a Mattingly Tot Lot cleanup and that new playground equipment is still on order (playground equipment is also on order for the Hefley Tot Lot). Cathy reported the pool closed September 7th, that a post-year pool meeting will be held next week and there is currently a survey on the Rutherford Pool website that will close September 14th.

- d. Commission sponsored events
 - d.i – Friday Night Movies – Resume starting September 11 at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum at 7pm and co-sponsored by the Commission.
 - d.ii – Labor Day Bridge Walk – Bob will coordinate with a need for 1-2 Commission volunteers to help out on the day of the walk.
 - d.iii – Ypsilanti Fall River Day – Bob coordinating and will need help from Commission members the day of the event (October 11)
- 5. New business – None
- 6. Partner updates
 - a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – The next meeting of this Huron River Watershed Council based group is September 18th at the Ypsilanti Convention & Visitors Bureau at 9pm.
 - b. Bike Ypsi – Group is reorganizing.
 - c. City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee – Bob gave an update of Committee projects.
 - d. Eastside Recreation Center – Bob is on the Design Advisory Board for the project and gave a brief update.
- 7. Other business – The matter of Commission members not attending meetings for extended periods was discussed. Teresa Gillotti also discussed a possible fall workday at the City's tree nursery in the Water Street area.
- 8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Delois, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.