

City Of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm, October 13, 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 Anne Brown.
2. Approval of agenda and previous minutes – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Cathy, to approve an amended agenda to include, under Other Business, Absent Commission Members (Linda) and Park Capitol Fee reports (Bob). The amended agenda passed unanimously. A motion was then made by Bob, seconded by Cathy, to approve the September meeting minutes, passing unanimously.
3. Introductions – No guests.
4. Old business
 - a. Adopt A Park Updates
 - a.i – Friends Of Peninsular Park – Bob indicated that the next meeting of this group would be in October 20, 6:30pm at Cultivate Coffee on River Street.
 - a.ii – Disc Golf – No updates.
 - a.iii – Ypsilanti Running Company – No updates.
 - a.iv – Friends of Prospect Park – No updates.
 - a.v – Heritage Park Neighborhood Association – No updates.
 - b. Friends groups updates – No updates.
 - c. City Of Ypsilanti updates – The Friends of the Senior Center will be writing by-laws and applying for 501c3 non-profit status. The Freighthouse is expected to be open to the public by the end of the year. Missing sidewalks have been completed at Candy Cane Park and will be completed soon at Hefley Park. Security cameras have been installed at the Rutherford Pool. Playground equipment at Mattingly and Hefley Parks failed safety inspections will be removed, and new equipment installed in the spring pending County block grants being approved.
 - d. Commission sponsored events
 - d.i – Friday Night Movies – Resumed in September at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum at 7pm and co-sponsored by the Commission.
 - d.ii – Ypsilanti Fall River Day – October 11th event was a success and worth repeating. Bob will send out an email with problems from the event this year and improvement for next year.
5. New business
 - a. 2016 Priorities – A discussion was held on possible 2016 priorities for the Commission. Bob distributed a handout that contained 2015 Commission priorities along with an updated list of possible projects that the Commission reviewed in late 2014. Bob will send the handout to Commission members by email and the subject of Commission 2016 priorities will be discussed at length at the November Commission meeting.

- b. Riverside Park Playground update – The Commission Committee will be holding a public hearing at SPARK East on October 19th.
- 6. Partner updates
 - a. Ypsilanti Trail Town – Bob reported on the Huron River Watershed Council Trail Town meeting he attended on October 9th and he would also plan to attend a Watershed Council Water Trail meeting October 14th.
 - b. Bike Ypsi – No update.
 - c. City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee – Bob gave an update of Committee projects and noted that major portions of the Border To Border Trail under construction should be completed by mid-November.
 - d. Eastside Recreation Center – Bob is on the Design Advisory Board for the project but had no new updates.
- 7. Other business
 - a. Absent Commission Members – It was noted that some Commission members have not attended meetings this year along with no communications received from these members during that time. Also, the ordinance regulating the Commission states, “The office of any member shall be deemed vacant if that member has three or more unexcused absences from meetings of the commission.” With that in mind, a motion was made by Linda, seconded by Cathy, that the Commission Chair will send an email to Commission members who have not attended meetings or communicated with the Commission this year and ask them to state whether they want to continue serving on the Commission with the understanding that if no reply is received by November 1, 2015 the Commission will request the members in question be removed from the Commission by City Council. The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Park Capitol Fee reports – Bob will request a new report and forward it to Commission members.
- 8. Adjournment – A motion was made by Bob, seconded by Delois, to adjourn the meeting, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.