

City of Ypsilanti Parks And Recreation Commission – Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2014

1. Call To Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, Thursday, October 14th, 2014 at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Commission members in attendance were Anne Browne, Bob Krzewinski, 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 Conan Malmer, seconded by Cal Winning, to accept the agenda with no objections.
 - b. Approval of previous meeting minutes – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Cal Winning, to accept the September 2014 meeting minutes with no objections.
 - c. Other – Anne Browne noted that the City of Ypsilanti City Manager's office approved funding for the City join the Michigan Parks & Recreation Association (www.mrpaonline.org) and the National Parks & Recreation Association (www.nrpa.org).
4. Continuing Business Items
 - a. Communications received – Communications received are related to agenda items below.
 - b. Adopt-A-Park applications and updates – An Adopt-A-Park application should be received shortly on a new “Friends of the Carrie Mattingly Park” group.
 - c. Parks Capitol Fee Fund projects/disbursements – No report.
 - d. City and facilities updates – Candy Cane Park new playground equipment is being installed in October. Once this is completed, new playground equipment will be installed at Carrie Mattingly Park. Additional improvements to signage and access to Carrie Mattingly Park is needed and Bob Krzewinski will coordinate a recommendation for improvement request to the City Public Services Department.
 - e. Commission priorities – Time will be spent at the November and December Commission meeting setting priorities (i.e. a top-ten list of needed, realistic projects) for action by the Commission in 2015.
 - f. Commission sponsored events
 - Friday night movies – Continuing through co-sponsorship by the Commission at the Ypsilanti Historical Museum Friday nights at 7pm.
 - Ypsi Fall Huron River Day – No fall event in 2014 but plans are being made for a May 3rd and October 4th River Day in 2015.
 - New Years Day walk – January 1st, 11am, Library Plaza Park.
 - Other – Cal Winning will look into service events (i.e. trash pickup) for high school students. Conan Malmer will research a children's Halloween costume contest (either sponsoring or co-sponsoring). Bob Krzewinski will look into possibly holding a Full Moon Walk on a regular basis.
 - g. Commission newsletter – Bob Krzewinski will continue work on a fall 2015 edition.
5. Old Business
 - a. Smoke free children's City parks resolution to City Council – City Council will likely take up a proposed ordinance change to ban smoking at the three City children's playgrounds (Mattingly, Charles Street, Heffley) at it's Tuesday, October 21st meeting. Bob Krzewinski will attend as a representative of the Commission.
 - b. Friends of Parks group updates – Discussion was held on whether to set up an overall “Friends of Ypsilanti Parks” or individual Parks Friends groups with discussions to continue at the November Commission meeting.
 - c. Park signage – Bob Krzewinski will contact possible leads for Park signage rehabilitation.
 - d. Friends Of Peninsular Park – Possible initial meeting of this new group on October 28th or 29th.
6. New Business
 - a. Commission members – All Commission members are urged to seek out new Commission members who can put in a request to join the Commission through a link on the City “Boards & Commissions” website (<http://cityofypsilanti.com/Government/BoardsCommissions>).
 - b. Trail Town Meeting – The Huron River Watershed Council will hold a Water Trail Town meeting, Wednesday, October 29th starting at 10am at SPARK East in Downtown Ypsilanti with Anne Brown and Bob Krzewinski attending on behalf of the Commission.
7. Adjournment – A motion was made by Conan Malmer, seconded by Anne Brown, to adjourn the meeting and with no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th, 2014.